

1 H.619

2 Introduced by Representative Sullivan of Dorset

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Elections; campaign finance; candidates; expenditures; child care

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a  
7 candidate to make campaign expenditures for the candidate's child care costs  
8 incurred as a direct result of campaign activity.

9 An act relating to permitting candidate expenditures for child care costs

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 ~~Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2901 is amended to read:~~

12 § 2901. DEFINITIONS

13 As used in this chapter:

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15 (7) "Expenditure" means a payment, disbursement, distribution,  
16 advance, deposit, loan, or gift of money or anything of value, paid or promised  
17 to be paid, for the purpose of influencing an election, advocating a position on  
18 a public question, or supporting or opposing one or more candidates.

1 ~~(A) For a candidate, an expenditure may include the cost of child~~  
2 ~~care for the candidate's dependent child if the child care cost is incurred as a~~  
3 ~~direct result of campaign activity.~~

4 ~~(B) As used in this chapter, "expenditure" shall not include any of the~~  
5 ~~following:~~

6 ~~(A)(i) a personal loan of money to a candidate from a lending~~  
7 ~~institution made in the ordinary course of business;~~

8 ~~(B)(ii) services provided without compensation by individuals~~  
9 ~~volunteering their time on behalf of a candidate, political committee, or~~  
10 ~~political party;~~

11 ~~(C)(iii) unreimbursed travel expenses paid for by an individual for~~  
12 ~~himself or herself who volunteers personal services to a candidate; or~~

13 ~~(D)(iv) unreimbursed campaign-related travel expenses paid for by~~  
14 ~~the candidate or the candidate's spouse.~~

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16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 ~~This act shall take effect on passage.~~

*Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2901 is amended to read:*

*§ 2901. DEFINITIONS*

*As used in this chapter:*

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*(7) "Expenditure" means a payment, disbursement, distribution, advance, deposit, loan, or gift of money or anything of value, paid or promised*

*to be paid, for the purpose of influencing an election, advocating a position on a public question, or supporting or opposing one or more candidates.*

*(A) Expenditures may include those expenses that are necessary to allow a candidate to campaign, such as expenses for the care of a dependent family member that are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity.*

*(B) As used in this chapter, "expenditure" shall not include any of the following:*

*(A)(i) a personal loan of money to a candidate from a lending institution made in the ordinary course of business;*

*(B)(ii) services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering their time on behalf of a candidate, political committee, or political party;*

*(C)(iii) unreimbursed travel expenses paid for by an individual for himself or herself who volunteers personal services to a candidate; or*

*(D)(iv) unreimbursed campaign-related travel expenses paid for by the candidate or the candidate's spouse.*

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*Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE*

*This act shall take effect on passage.*

*and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: "An act relating to permitted candidate expenditures"*