

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to use of campaign funds for child
 3 care expenses; amending s. 106.1405, F.S.; providing
 4 definitions; authorizing a candidate to use funds on
 5 deposit in his or her campaign account to pay for
 6 child care expenses under specified conditions;
 7 requiring candidates to maintain specified records for
 8 a specified timeframe; requiring candidates to
 9 disclose certain child care expenses in campaign
 10 finance reports; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 **Section 1. Section 106.1405, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 15 **to read:**

16 106.1405 Use of campaign funds.—

17 (1) As used in this section, the term:

18 (a) "Campaign-related child care expenses" means the costs
 19 associated with the care of a candidate's dependent child due to
 20 campaign activities, such as participating in campaign events,
 21 canvassing, participating in debates, and meeting with
 22 constituents or donors.

23 (b) "Eligible child care provider" means any individual or
 24 licensed organization.

25 (2) A candidate or the spouse of a candidate may not use

26 funds on deposit in a campaign account of such candidate to
27 defray normal living expenses for the candidate or the
28 candidate's family, other than expenses actually incurred for
29 transportation, meals, and lodging by the candidate or a family
30 member during travel in the course of the campaign.

31 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a candidate may use
32 funds on deposit in his or her campaign account to pay for
33 campaign-related child care expenses if the expense would not
34 exist were it not for the candidate's campaign and campaign
35 funds are not used for child care expenses unrelated to campaign
36 activities, such as personal errands or routine child care
37 unrelated to campaigning.

38 (a) Receipts or invoices from the eligible child care
39 provider, along with proof of payment, must be maintained for
40 auditing purposes for at least 3 years after the campaign ends.

41 (b) A candidate shall disclose the use of campaign funds
42 for child care in his or her regular campaign finance reports,
43 specifying the amounts and dates of child care expenses.

44 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.