

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to use of campaign funds for campaign-
3 related child care expenses; amending s. 106.1405,
4 F.S.; defining the terms "campaign-related child care
5 expenses" and "eligible child care provider";
6 authorizing a candidate to use funds on deposit in his
7 or her campaign account to pay for campaign-related
8 child care expenses under specified conditions;
9 requiring a candidate to maintain specified records
10 for a specified timeframe and provide such records to
11 the Division of Elections upon request; requiring a
12 candidate to disclose the use of campaign funds for
13 campaign-related child care expenses in his or her
14 regular campaign finance reports; providing an
15 effective date.

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

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19 **Section 1. Section 106.1405, Florida Statutes, is amended**
20 **to read:**

21 106.1405 Use of campaign funds.—

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

23 (a) "Campaign-related child care expenses" means the costs
24 associated with the care of a candidate's dependent child due to
25 campaign activities, such as participating in campaign events,

26 canvassing, participating in debates, and meeting with
27 constituents or donors.

28 (b) "Eligible child care provider" means any individual or
29 licensed organization that provides child care services,
30 including center-based, family-based, and in-home care, for
31 compensation, is legally operating under state law, and complies
32 with all applicable state and local requirements for the
33 provision of child care services.

34 (2) A candidate or the spouse of a candidate may not use
35 funds on deposit in a campaign account of such candidate to
36 defray normal living expenses for the candidate or the
37 candidate's family, other than expenses actually incurred for
38 transportation, meals, and lodging by the candidate or a family
39 member during travel in the course of the campaign.

40 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a candidate may use
41 funds on deposit in his or her campaign account to pay for
42 campaign-related child care expenses if the expense would not
43 exist were it not for the candidate's campaign and if the
44 following conditions are met:

45 (a) Campaign funds may not be used for child care expenses
46 unrelated to campaign activities, such as personal errands or
47 routine child care.

48 (b) The candidate maintains and provides to the division,
49 upon request, clear records of all campaign-related child care
50 expenses reimbursed by campaign funds, including dates, times,

51 and descriptions of campaign events in which the candidate
52 engaged.

53 1. Receipts or invoices from the eligible child care
54 provider, along with proof of payment, must be maintained for
55 auditing purposes for at least 3 years after the campaign ends.

56 2. A candidate shall disclose the use of campaign funds
57 for campaign-related child care expenses in his or her regular
58 campaign finance reports, specifying the amounts and dates of
59 such expenses.

60 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.