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

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

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

106.1405 Use of campaign funds.—

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

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

(b) "Eligible child care provider" means any individual or
licensed organization that provides child care services,

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including center-based, family-based, and in-home care, for compensation; is legally operating under state law; and complies with all applicable state and local requirements for the provision of child care services.

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

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

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

(b) The candidate maintains and provides to the division, upon request, clear records of all campaign-related child care expenses reimbursed by campaign funds, including dates, times, and descriptions of campaign events in which the candidate engaged.

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

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

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59 such expenses.

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