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Version: As Passed by the House

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Seitz and Humphrey

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill does not have any direct fiscal impact on the state or county boards of elections. The bill specifies that child care expenses are considered ordinary and necessary expenses incurred by a candidate for state or local office while engaging in campaign activities and duties and those expenses would not have otherwise been incurred. These changes do not appear to result in any additionally required campaign filings. The change in the bill matches a 2018 Federal Elections Commission (FEC) opinion that allows campaign funds to be used for these expenses for candidates for federal office. Thus, if a candidate typically stayed home during the date to care for the candidate's children, and the candidate hired a babysitter in order to carry out campaign duties, the bill would allow for campaign funds to be used to pay the babysitter. However, if the candidate's child was normally in daycare, campaign funds would not be permitted to pay those expenses.