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Version: As Reported by House Government Oversight

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Humphrey and Seitz

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 have not otherwise incurred. These changes do not appear to result in any required additional 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 federal candidates.

As an example, if a candidate typically stayed home during the day 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 cannot be used to pay those expenses.