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Public Act No. 21-49

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WOMEN AND GIRLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 9-601 of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (32) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(NEW) (32) "Child care services" means services rendered to a candidate for the care of any child who is under thirteen years of age and for whom such candidate is the parent or legal guardian, which services are necessary as a direct result of campaign activity that would not exist but for such candidate's campaign.

Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(e) (1) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall (A) adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, on permissible expenditures under subsection (g) of section 9-607, as amended by this act, for qualified candidate committees receiving grants from the fund under sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive, and (B) on or after July 1, 2021, amend such regulations to permit expenditures for child care services.

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(2) After the amendment of regulations pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, expenditures for child care services made by the qualified candidate committee of a participating candidate shall be deemed permissible if such expenditures (A) are, in the aggregate, not more than the amount of qualifying contributions permitted under section 9-704, and (B) comply with all regulations adopted or amended, as applicable, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 9-710 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(c) A candidate who intends to participate in the Citizens' Election Program may provide personal funds for such candidate's campaign for nomination or election in an amount not exceeding: (1) For a candidate for the office of Governor, twenty thousand dollars; (2) for a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State, ten thousand dollars; (3) for a candidate for the office of state senator, two thousand dollars; or (4) for a candidate for the office of state representative, one thousand dollars. Such personal funds shall not constitute a qualifying contribution under section 9-704. For the purposes of this section, and after the amendment of regulations pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 9-706, as amended by this act, expenditures for child care services made directly from any such candidate's personal funds and for which such candidate does not seek reimbursement from his or her candidate committee, as provided in subsection (k) of section 9-607, shall not count toward the amounts provided in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, as applicable, of this subsection.

Sec. 4. Subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of section 9-607 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

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(Effective July 1, 2021):

(2) Unless otherwise provided by this chapter, any treasurer, in accomplishing the lawful purposes of the committee, may pay the expenses of: (A) Advertising in electronic and print media; (B) any other form of printed advertising or communications including "thank you" advertising after the election; (C) campaign items, including, but not limited to, brochures, leaflets, flyers, invitations, stationery, envelopes, reply cards, return envelopes, campaign business cards, direct mailings, postcards, palm cards, "thank you" notes, sample ballots and other similar items; (D) political banners and billboards; (E) political paraphernalia, which is customarily given or sold to supporters including, but not limited to, campaign buttons, stickers, pins, pencils, pens, matchbooks, balloons, pads, calendars, magnets, key chains, hats, tee shirts, sweatshirts, frisbees, pot holders, jar openers and other similar items; (F) purchasing office supplies for campaign or political purposes, campaign photographs, raffle or other fund-raising permits required by law, fund-raiser prizes, postage, express mail delivery services, bulk mail permits, and computer supplies and services; (G) banking service charges to maintain campaign and political accounts; (H) subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals which enhance the candidacy of the candidate or party; (I) lease or rental of office space for campaign or political purposes and expenses in connection therewith including, but not limited to, furniture, parking, storage space, utilities and maintenance, provided a party committee or political committee organized for ongoing political activities may purchase such office space; (J) lease or rental of vehicles for campaign use only; (K) lease, rental or use charges of any ordinary and necessary campaign office equipment including, but not limited to, copy machines, telephones, postage meters, facsimile machines, computer hardware, software and printers, provided a party committee or political committee organized for ongoing political activities may purchase office equipment, and provided further that a candidate committee or a political committee,

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other than a political committee formed for ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, may purchase computer equipment; (L) compensation for campaign or committee staff, fringe benefits, [and] payroll taxes and child care services, provided (i) the candidate and any member of his immediate family shall not receive compensation, and (ii) compensation for child care services is reasonable and customary for the services rendered; (M) travel, meals and lodging expenses of speakers, campaign or committee workers, the candidate and the candidate's spouse for political and campaign purposes; (N) fund raising; (O) reimbursements to candidates and campaign or committee workers made in accordance with the provisions of this section for campaign-related expenses for which a receipt is received by the treasurer; (P) campaign or committee services of attorneys, accountants, consultants or other professional persons for campaign activities, obtaining or contesting ballot status, nomination, or election, and compliance with this chapter; (Q) purchasing campaign finance reports; (R) repaying permissible campaign loans made to the committee that are properly reported and refunding contributions received from an impermissible source or in excess of the limitations set forth in this chapter; (S) conducting polls concerning any political party, issue, candidate or individual; (T) gifts to campaign or committee workers or purchasing flowers or other commemorative items for political purposes not to exceed one hundred dollars to any one recipient in a calendar year or for the campaign, as the case may be; (U) purchasing tickets or advertising from charities, inaugural committees, or other civic organizations if for a political purpose, for any candidate, a candidate's spouse, a member of a candidate's campaign staff, or members of committees; (V) the inauguration of an elected candidate by that candidate's candidate committee; (W) hiring of halls, rooms, music and other entertainment for political meetings and events; (X) reasonable compensation for public speakers hired by the committee; (Y) transporting electors to the polls and other get-out-the-vote activities on election day; and (Z) any other necessary campaign or political expense.

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Sec. 5. Section 4-9a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) The Governor shall appoint the chairperson and executive director, if any, of all boards and commissions within the Executive Department, except the State Properties Review Board, the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board and the Transportation Policy Advisory Council.

(b) (1) Public members shall constitute not less than one-third of the members of each board and commission within the Executive Department, except the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Public member means an elector of the state who has no substantial financial interest in, is not employed in or by, and is not professionally affiliated with, any industry, profession, occupation, trade or institution regulated or licensed by the relevant board or commission, and who has had no professional affiliation with any such industry, profession, occupation, trade or institution for three years preceding his appointment to the board or commission. Except as otherwise specifically provided by the general statutes, this section shall not apply to the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, boards and commissions the membership of which is entirely composed of state department heads, elected officials or deputies appointed by such department heads or where the membership of such board or commission is determined in accordance with the provisions of any federal law.

(2) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall create, maintain and make accessible on the state Internet web site a system through which an individual may electronically submit a name to be considered for appointment as a public member to a board or commission within the Executive Department. Such system shall

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include information about each such board or commission and specify any requirements for membership on such board or commission.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law, the term of each member of each board and commission within the [executive branch] Executive Department, except the State Board of Education, the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the State Properties Review Board, the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board, the Commission on Medicolegal Investigations, the Psychiatric Security Review Board, the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, the E 9-1-1 Commission, the Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee, and the board of trustees of each constituent unit of the state system of higher education, commencing on or after July 1, 1979, shall be coterminous with the term of the Governor or until a successor is chosen, whichever is later.

(d) Each member of each board and commission within the [executive branch] Executive Department shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority except where otherwise specifically provided by any provision of the general statutes.

Sec. 6. Section 4-9b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) (1) Appointing authorities, in cooperation with one another, shall make a good faith effort to ensure that, to the extent possible and consistent with applicable law, by January 1, 2026, and thereafter, the membership, except the ex-officio membership, of each state appointive board, commission, committee and council having members appointed by the Governor or appointed by members of the General Assembly is qualified and closely reflects the gender and racial diversity of the state according to the most recent United States census population data.

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(2) If there are multiple appointing authorities for [a] any board, commission, committee or council described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the appointing authorities shall inform each other of their appointees or planned appointees in order to facilitate compliance with this section.

(3) Appointing authorities for any board, commission, committee or council described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, consistent with applicable law, (A) consider each recommendation for appointment of a public member to any such board, commission, committee or council made by any community or other similar organization representing the interests of gender and racial diversity, and (B) make a good faith effort to seek out individuals for such appointment that reflect such diversity. The Governor, or the Governor's designee, and the chairpersons of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, or the chairpersons' designee, shall coordinate public education and outreach strategies with such community or other similar organizations to increase awareness of, and recruit diverse applicants for, such appointments.

(b) [The] (1) At the time of a member's appointment to any state appointive board, commission, committee or council described in subsection (a) of this section, the executive officer or chairperson of such board, commission, committee or council shall maintain a record of, and make available to the Secretary of the State, any data voluntarily provided to the executive officer or chairperson concerning such member's gender and race. In addition, the executive officer or chairperson of each such state appointive board, commission, committee and council, [having members appointed by the Governor or appointed by members of the General Assembly,] except committees whose membership consists solely of members of the General Assembly, shall [report] submit in writing to the Secretary of the State on or after September first, but not later than October 1, 1993, and

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biennially thereafter, [(1)] (A) the number of members of such body and [(2)] (B) the composition of the body according to the term "race/sex", as defined in the regulations of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Such [report] data shall not include the names of the individual members of the board, commission, committee or council.

(2) The Secretary of the State shall receive and maintain the [reports] data submitted pursuant to this subsection as public records. In addition, not later than January 1, 2022, and every two years thereafter, the Secretary shall develop and publish, including on the Internet web site of the office of the Secretary of the State, a report regarding the gender and racial composition of each state appointive board, commission, committee and council described in subsection (a) of this section, and shall conduct an analysis comparing the gender and racial composition of the state according to the most recent United States census population data with the goal of reflecting the most recent United States census population data on such boards, commissions, committees and councils by January 1, 2026.

(c) No provision of this section shall (1) prohibit an individual from completing a term as a member of a state appointive board, commission, committee or council being served on July 2, 1993, or (2) create a private right of action.

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