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House Bill No. 5520

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN EXPENDITURES OF CANDIDATE COMMITTEES PARTICIPATING IN THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-702 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (c) A candidate participating in the Citizens' Election Program shall
5 limit the expenditures of the candidate's candidate committee [(A)] (1)
6 before a primary campaign and a general election campaign, to the
7 amount of qualifying contributions permitted in section 9-704 and any
8 personal funds provided by the candidate under subsection (c) of
9 section 9-710, [(B)] (2) for a primary campaign, to the sum of [(i)] (A)
10 the amount of such qualifying contributions and personal funds that
11 have not been spent before the primary campaign, and [(ii)] (B) the
12 amount of the grant for the primary campaign authorized under

13 section 9-705, [and (C)] (3) for a general election campaign, to the sum
 14 of [(i)] (A) the amount of such qualifying contributions and personal
 15 funds that have not been spent before the general election campaign,
 16 [(ii)] (B) any unexpended funds from any grant for a primary
 17 campaign authorized under section 9-705, and [(iii)] (C) the amount of
 18 the grant for the general election campaign authorized under section 9-
 19 705, and (4) for any payment to any entity owned in whole or in part
 20 by any member of the immediate family of any member of the General
 21 Assembly, to one thousand dollars in the aggregate. The candidate
 22 committee of a minor or petitioning party candidate who has received
 23 a general election campaign grant from the fund pursuant to section 9-
 24 705 shall be permitted to receive contributions in addition to the
 25 qualifying contributions subject to the limitations and restrictions
 26 applicable to participating candidates for the same office, provided
 27 such minor or petitioning party candidate shall limit the expenditures
 28 of the candidate committee for a general election campaign to the sum
 29 of the qualifying contributions and personal funds, the amount of the
 30 general election campaign grant received and the amount raised in
 31 additional contributions that is equivalent to the difference between
 32 the amount of the applicable general election campaign grant for a
 33 major party candidate for such office and the amount of the general
 34 election campaign grant received by such minor or petitioning party
 35 candidate. As used in this section, "immediate family" means the
 36 spouse or a child of an individual.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-702(c)

GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which limits aggregate expenditures made by a candidate committee to any entity owned in whole or part by an immediate family member of a member of the General Assembly to \$1,000, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5520*****AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN EXPENDITURES OF CANDIDATE COMMITTEES PARTICIPATING IN THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY**

This bill limits, to \$1,000 in the aggregate, any payment made by the candidate committee of a candidate participating in the Citizens' Election Program (CEP) (participating candidate) to an entity owned, in whole or in part, by an immediate family member of any state legislator. Under the bill, "immediate family" means an individual's spouse or child.

Existing regulations prohibit participating candidates and their treasurers from making a payment to an entity in which the candidate or his or her family member owns at least a 5% interest. Under the regulations, "family member" includes a (1) participating candidate's spouse, civil union partner, sibling, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle; (2) sibling, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle of the participating candidate's spouse or civil union partner; or (3) spouse, civil union partner, or child of any such individual related to a participating candidate, or his or her spouse or civil union partner (Conn. Agencies Regs. § 9-706-2 (b)).

The CEP is the state's voluntary public campaign financing system under which statewide and legislative candidates who (1) receive qualifying contributions, (2) agree to abide by certain spending limits, and (3) comply with other requirements, are eligible to receive state grants to fund their campaigns.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9 Nay 8 (03/28/2018)