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**Governor's Bill No. 883**

LCO No. 3160



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
Request of the Governor  
Pursuant to Joint Rule 9

***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:

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

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

8 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is  
9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
10 *2021*):

11 (e) (1) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall (A) adopt  
12 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, on

13 permissible expenditures under subsection (g) of section 9-607, as  
14 amended by this act, for qualified candidate committees receiving  
15 grants from the fund under sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive, and (B) on  
16 or after July 1, 2021, amend such regulations to permit expenditures for  
17 child care services.

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

26 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 9-710 of the general statutes is  
27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
28 *2021*):

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

46 subsection.

47 Sec. 4. Subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of section 9-607 of the general  
48 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
49 (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

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

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

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

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

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

140 (2) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall create,  
141 maintain and make accessible on the Internet web site of the Department  
142 of Administrative Services a system through which an individual may  
143 electronically submit a name to be considered for appointment as a  
144 public member to a board or commission within the Executive  
145 Department. Such system shall include information about each such  
146 board or commission and specify any requirements for membership on

147 such board or commission.

148 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law, the term of each member  
149 of each board and commission within the [executive branch] Executive  
150 Department, except the State Board of Education, the Board of Regents  
151 for Higher Education, the Commission on Human Rights and  
152 Opportunities, the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the State  
153 Properties Review Board, the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board, the  
154 Commission on Medicolegal Investigations, the Psychiatric Security  
155 Review Board, the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, the E 9-  
156 1-1 Commission, the Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee, and  
157 the board of trustees of each constituent unit of the state system of  
158 higher education, commencing on or after July 1, 1979, shall be  
159 coterminous with the term of the Governor or until a successor is  
160 chosen, whichever is later.

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

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

167 (a) (1) Appointing authorities, in cooperation with one another, shall  
168 make a good faith effort to ensure that, to the extent possible, the  
169 membership, except the ex-officio membership, of each state appointive  
170 board, commission, committee and council having members appointed  
171 by the Governor or appointed by members of the General Assembly is  
172 qualified and closely reflects the gender and racial diversity of the state.  
173 If there are multiple appointing authorities for a board, commission,  
174 committee or council, the appointing authorities shall inform each other  
175 of their appointees or planned appointees in order to facilitate  
176 compliance with this section.

177 (2) Appointing authorities shall (A) consider each recommendation

178 for appointment of a public member to a board or commission made by  
 179 any organization representing the interests of gender or racial diversity,  
 180 and (B) make a good faith effort to seek out individuals for such  
 181 appointment that reflect such diversity.

182 (b) The executive officer or chairperson of each state appointive  
 183 board, commission, committee and council having members appointed  
 184 by the Governor or appointed by members of the General Assembly,  
 185 except committees whose membership consists solely of members of the  
 186 General Assembly, shall [report] submit in writing to the Secretary of  
 187 the State on or after September first, but not later than October 1, 1993,  
 188 and biennially thereafter, (1) the number of members of such body, and  
 189 (2) the composition of the body according to the term "race/sex", as  
 190 defined in the regulations of the Commission on Human Rights and  
 191 Opportunities. Such [report] data shall not include the names of the  
 192 individual members of the board, commission, committee or council.  
 193 The Secretary of the State shall receive and maintain the [reports] data  
 194 submitted pursuant to this subsection as public records.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	9-601
Sec. 2	July 1, 2021	9-706(e)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2021	9-710(c)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2021	9-607(g)(2)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2021	4-9a
Sec. 6	July 1, 2021	4-9b

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*