1	H.619
2	Introduced by Representative Sullivan of Dorset
3	Referred to Committee on
4	Date:
5	Subject: Elections; campaign finance; candidates; expenditures; child care
6	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a
7	candidate to make campaign expenditures for the candidate's child care costs
8	incurred as a direct result of campaign activity.
9	An act relating to permitting candidate expenditures for child care costs
10	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
11	Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2901 is amended to read:
12	§ 2901. DEFINITIONS
13	As used in this chapter:
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15	(7) "Expenditure" means a payment, disbursement, distribution,
16	advance, deposit, loan, or gift of money or anything of value, paid or promised
17	to be paid, for the purpose of influencing an election, advocating a position on
18	a public question, or supporting or opposing one or more candidates.

## BILL AS INTRODUCED 2020

1	(A) For a candidate, an expenditure may include the cost of child
2	care for the candidate's dependent child if the child care cost is incurred as a
3	direct result of campaign activity.
4	(B) As used in this chapter, "expenditure" shall not include any of the
5	following:
6	(A)(i) a personal loan of money to a candidate from a lending
7	institution made in the ordinary course of business;
8	$(\mathbf{B})(\mathbf{ii})$ services provided without compensation by individuals
9	volunteering their time on behalf of a candidate, political committee, or
10	political party;
11	(C)(iii) unreimbursed travel expenses paid for by an individual for
12	himself or herself who volunteers personal services to a candidate; or
13	(D)(iv) unreimbursed campaign-related travel expenses paid for by
14	the candidate or the candidate's spouse.
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16	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
17	This act shall take effect on passage.