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2	Introduced by Representative Copeland Hanzas of Bradford
3	Referred to Committee on
4	Date:
5	Subject: Elections; campaign finance; candidates; expenditures; permitted
6	expenditures
7	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to explicitly
8	permit candidates to spend campaign funds on expenses necessary to allow a
9	candidate to campaign, such as expenses for the care of a dependent family
10	member that are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity.
11	An act relating to permitted candidate expenditures
12	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
13	Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2901 is amended to read:
14	§ 2901. DEFINITIONS
15	As used in this chapter:
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17	(7) "Expenditure" means a payment, disbursement, distribution,
18	advance, deposit, loan, or gift of money or anything of value, paid or promised
19	to be paid, for the purpose of influencing an election, advocating a position on
20	a public question, or supporting or opposing one or more candidates.

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1	(A) Expenditures may include those expenses that are necessary to
2	allow a candidate to campaign, such as expenses for the care of a dependent
3	family member that are incurred as a 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	(B)(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.