

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-second General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

LLS NO. 19-0951.01 Bob Lackner x4350

**SENATE BILL 19-229**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE USE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO REIMBURSE**  
102             **A CANDIDATE FOR DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES INCURRED BY**  
103             **THE CANDIDATE IN UNDERTAKING CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill permits a candidate committee established in the name of a candidate to expend contributions received and accepted during any particular election cycle to reimburse the candidate for reasonable and necessary expenses for the care of children or other dependents the candidate incurs directly in connection with his or her campaign activities

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

during the election cycle. The candidate committee is required to disclose these expenditures in the same manner as any other expenditures the committee is required to disclose.

The bill also makes a conforming amendment.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-103.7, **add** (6.5)  
3 as follows:

4 **1-45-103.7. Contribution limits - treatment of independent**  
5 **expenditure committees - contributions from limited liability**  
6 **companies - voter instructions on spending limits - definitions.**

7 (6.5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A CANDIDATE  
8 COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF A CANDIDATE MAY EXPEND  
9 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE DURING  
10 ANY PARTICULAR ELECTION CYCLE TO REIMBURSE THE CANDIDATE FOR  
11 REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN OR  
12 OTHER DEPENDENTS THE CANDIDATE INCURS DIRECTLY IN CONNECTION  
13 WITH THE CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES DURING THE ELECTION  
14 CYCLE. THE CANDIDATE COMMITTEE SHALL DISCLOSE THE EXPENDITURES  
15 IN THE SAME MANNER AS ANY OTHER EXPENDITURES THE COMMITTEE IS  
16 REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE UNDER SECTION 1-45-108 (1)(a)(I).

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-106, **amend**  
18 (1)(a)(II) as follows:

19 **1-45-106. Unexpended campaign contributions.**

20 (1) (a) (II) EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1-45-103.7 (6.5), in no  
21 event shall contributions to a candidate committee be used for personal  
22 purposes not reasonably related to supporting the election of the  
23 candidate.

1           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**

2           **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect September 1, 2019; except that,  
3           if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of  
4           the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
5           within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general  
6           assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless  
7           approved by the people at the general election to be held in November  
8           2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official  
9           declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

10           (2) This act applies to the portion of any election cycle or for the  
11           portion of the calendar year remaining after the effective date of this act  
12           and for any election cycle or calendar year commencing after such  
13           effective date, whichever is applicable.