

# HOUSE BILL 331

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Candidate Expenditures – Campaign-Related ~~Child Care~~**  
3 **Caregiving Expenses**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “expenditure” to include reasonable expenses  
5 for ~~child care~~ caregiving services that a candidate incurs; and generally relating to  
6 candidate expenditures.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Election Law  
9 Section 1–101(a) and (l)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Election Law  
14 Section 1–101(l–2)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Election Law

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Section 1–101(aa)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Election Law**

1–101.

(a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated unless a different meaning is clearly intended from the context.

(l) (1) “Candidate” means an individual who files a certificate of candidacy for a public or party office.

(2) “Candidate” includes:

(i) an incumbent justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland or Appellate Court of Maryland at an election for continuance in office; and

(ii) an individual, prior to that individual filing a certificate of candidacy, if a campaign finance entity has been established on behalf of that individual.

**(L-2) (1) “~~CHILD-CARE~~ CAREGIVING SERVICES” MEANS DIRECT CARE, PROTECTION, AND SUPERVISION OF A CHILD OR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY FOR WHOM A CANDIDATE HAS DIRECT ~~CHILD-CARE~~ CAREGIVING RESPONSIBILITY.**

**(2) “~~CHILD-CARE~~ CAREGIVING SERVICES” DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

**(I) PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION ~~OR~~;**

**(II) TUTORING SERVICES; OR**

**(III) NURSING HOME CARE.**

(aa) (1) “Expenditure” means a gift, transfer, disbursement, or promise of money or a thing of value by or on behalf of a campaign finance entity to:

[(1)] (I) promote or assist in the promotion of the success or defeat of a candidate, political party, question, or prospective question at an election;

[(2)] (II) pay expenses associated with contesting an election under Title 12 of this article; or

1                    [(3)] (III) pay for the publication expense of a legislative newsletter under  
2 Title 13, Subtitle 4 of this article.

3                    (2) “EXPENDITURE” INCLUDES REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR ~~CHILD~~  
4 ~~CARE~~ CAREGIVING SERVICES THAT A CANDIDATE INCURS AS A DIRECT RESULT OF  
5 CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY AND THAT ARE NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE CANDIDACY OF  
6 THE CANDIDATE.

7                    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 January 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.