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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND  
EXPENDITURES REPORTING

Introduced By: Representative Blake Anthony Filippi

Date Introduced: February 05, 2021

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 17-25 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Campaign  
2 Contributions and Expenditures Reporting" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following  
3 section:

4           **17-25-31. Reporting required by nonprofit entities.**

5           (a) Any nonprofit entity that provides transportation, housing, meals or any other amenity  
6 to any person who holds any elective office or who is running for any elective office in any election  
7 year, shall be subject to all reporting requirements under this chapter and shall report the value of  
8 any transportation, housing, meals or any other amenity as a donation to the recipient's campaign.

9           (b) Any person holding or seeking any elective office shall be required to report the receipt  
10 of any transportation, housing, meals or any other amenity from any nonprofit entity as a campaign  
11 donation consistent with the provisions of this chapter.

12           (c) Any nonprofit entity or person holding or seeking elective office that provides or  
13 receives transportation, housing, meals, or any other amenity shall be subject to the contribution  
14 limits enumerated in this chapter.

15           (d) Any nonprofit entity that is owned, operated, managed or otherwise controlled by any  
16 person holding or running for an elective office shall provide to any other candidate, or other  
17 nonprofit for the benefit of any candidate, any transportation, housing, meal or any other amenity.

18           (e) Any entity or person that violates this section shall be subject to the penalty provisions

1 [provided in this chapter.](#)

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require that nonprofit entities and candidates for elective office comply with  
2 reporting requirements and contribution limits for transportation, housing, meals and other  
3 amenities provided to those holding or seeking elective office. It would also require any nonprofit  
4 owned by any office holder or candidate to provide to any other candidate such amenities.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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