

Secretary of the State File Number

**6363**

Regulation of the  
**State Elections Enforcement Commission**  
Concerning

**Citizens' Election Program Child Care Expenditures**

Regulations adopted after July 1, 2013, become effective upon posting to the Connecticut eRegulations System, or at a later date if specified within the regulation.

Posted to the Connecticut eRegulations System on **June 15, 2022**

EFFECTIVE DATE

**June 15, 2022**

Approved by the Attorney General on

**February 25, 2022**

Approved by the Legislation Regulation Review Committee on

**May 24, 2022**

Electronic copy with agency head certification statement electronically submitted to and received by the Office of the Secretary of the State on

**June 7, 2022**

Form ICM-ECOPY (NEW 6/2015)  
State of Connecticut  
Secretary of the State



**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES**  
This form should be used only for regulations first noticed on and after March 23, 2015.

## Electronic Copy Certification Statement

*(Submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 4-172 of the Connecticut General Statutes)*

Regulation of the  
**State Elections Enforcement Commission**  
Concerning  
**Citizens' Election Program Child Care Expenditures**

Approved by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee: **May 24, 2022**

eRegulations System Tracking Number: **PR2021-044**

**I hereby certify** that the electronic copy of the above-referenced regulation submitted herewith to the Secretary of the State is a true and accurate copy of the regulation approved in accordance with sections 4-169 and 4-170 of the *Connecticut General Statutes*.

**And I further certify** that in accordance with the approval of Legislative Regulation Review Committee, all required technical corrections, page substitutions and deletions, if any, have been incorporated into said regulation.

**In testimony whereof**, I have hereunto  
set my hand on **June 7, 2022**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Brandt", written over a horizontal line.

Michael J. Brandt, Esq.  
Executive Director and General Counsel  
State Elections Enforcement Commission

**State of Connecticut  
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Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-706-2 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the requirements set out in section 9-706-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, participating candidates and the treasurers of participating candidates shall comply with the following citizens' election program requirements. Permissible campaign-related expenditures shall include but are not limited to expenditures for the following:

1. Purchase of political campaign advertising services from any communications medium, including but not limited to newspaper, television, radio, billboard or internet;
2. Political campaign advertising expenses, including but not limited to printing, photography, or graphic arts related to flyers, brochures, palm cards, stationery, signs, stickers, shirts, hats, buttons, or other similar campaign communication materials;
3. Postage and other commercial delivery services for political campaign advertising;
4. Campaign personnel and professional services;
5. Campaign promotional events, including but not limited to expenditures for food, space rental, staff and entertainment at such events;
6. Campaign office rent, office supplies and other office expenses, including but not limited to office utilities and office insurance expenses;
7. Campaign office services, including but not limited to internet services, phone services, photocopying and mailing;
8. Purchase or lease of campaign office furniture and equipment, including but not limited to computer hardware and software;
9. Campaign travel expenses, including but not limited to vehicle rental and vehicle lease;
10. Campaign mileage and fuel expenses at a rate that is no greater than the standard mileage rate provided by the internal revenue service for the calculation of the deductible cost of operating an automobile for business purposes;
11. Food and beverage expenditures for campaign staff, volunteers and other campaign personnel, provided that the expenditure does not exceed \$15 per person per occasion for breakfast, inclusive of tax and gratuity, \$20 per person per occasion for lunch, inclusive of tax and gratuity, or \$30 per person per occasion for dinner, inclusive of tax and gratuity;
12. Conducting polling or get-out-the-vote activities; [and]
13. No more than the following amounts for post-primary or post-election thank you notes or other advertising to thank campaign staff, contributors, volunteers, or supporters: \$7,500 for a candidate for the office of governor; \$3,500 for a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor, attorney general, state comptroller, secretary of state, or state treasurer; \$1,000 for a candidate for the office of state senator; \$500 for a candidate for the office of state representative; \$750 for

a special election candidate for the office of state senator; and \$250 for a special election candidate for the office of state representative[.]; and

14. Child care services as provided in sections 9-601 and 9-706 of the Connecticut General Statutes and substantiated through documentation submitted by the candidate providing the information required for the treasurer to authorize and disclose the associated expenditure.

R-39 Rev. 02/2012

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this amendment is to modify the existing regulations concerning campaign expenditures by candidates participating in the Citizens' Election Program to permit child care services. This regulation was mandated by Public Act No. 2021-49, section 2.

Public Act 21-49 amended the campaign finance statutes to permit campaign expenditures to cover the cost of child care services provided to the candidate for one or more children under thirteen years of age and for whom the candidate is the parent or legal guardian when the services are necessary as a direct result of campaign activity that would not exist but for the candidate's campaign. The Act further provided that for a qualified candidate committee of a candidate participating in the Citizens' Election Program, the expenditures for child care services are permitted up to the threshold amount of qualifying contributions required to be raised pursuant to section 9-704. Candidate committees are not required to report child care expenditures if the candidate committee is not reimbursing the candidate for the services and in such circumstances, the amounts that the candidate pays do not count against the candidate's personal funds limit.

In addition to providing that child care services are now a permissible expenditure under the Citizens' Election Program, the regulation provides for documentation of the expenditures by the candidate that will give the treasurer the information needed to authorize and report the expenditures and is simpler than what would otherwise be required under section 9-607-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

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**AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

**State Elections Enforcement Commission**

Proposed Regulation Concerning

**Citizens' Election Program Child Care Expenditures**

eRegulations System Tracking Number PR 2021-044

**I hereby certify the following:**

(1) The above-referenced **regulation** is proposed pursuant to the following statutory authority or authorities: **Connecticut General Statutes § 9-706**

*For technical amendment regulations proposed without a comment period, complete #2 below, then skip to #8.*

(2) As permitted by Section 4-168(h) of the *Connecticut General Statutes*, the agency elected to proceed without prior notice or hearing and posted the text of the proposed technical amendment regulation on eRegulations System website on **<<select and enter the date of posting>>**.

*For all other non-emergency proposed regulations, complete #3 - #7 below, then complete #8)*

(3) The agency posted notice of intent with a specified comment period of not less than 30 days to the eRegulations System website on **December 22, 2021**.

(4) *(Complete one)* ☒ No public hearing held or was required to be held. **OR** ☐ One or more public hearings were held on: **<<select and enter dates>>**.

(5) The agency posted notice of decision to move forward with the proposed regulation to the eRegulations System website on **February 3, 2022**.

(6) *(Complete one)* ☐ No comments were received. **OR** ☒ Comments were received and the agency posted the statements specified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of CGS Section 4-168(e) to the eRegulations System website on **February 3, 2022**.

(7) The final wording of the proposed regulation was posted to the eRegulations System website on **December 22, 2021**.

(8) Subsequent to approval for legal sufficiency by the Attorney General and approval by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee, **the final regulation shall be effective**

*(Check one and complete as applicable)*

☒ When posted to the eRegulations System website by the Secretary of the State.

**OR** ☐ On \_\_\_\_\_

*(Date must be a specific calendar date not less than 11 days after submission to the Secretary of the State)*



**SIGNED**

*(Head of Board, Agency or Commission, or duly authorized deputy)*

**Executive Director and General Counsel**  
 OFFICIAL TITLE

**February 8, 2022**  
 DATE

# OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGULATION CERTIFICATION

**Agency:** Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission

***REGULATION NUMBER*** PR2021-044

**This Regulation is hereby APPROVED by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-169.**

**DATE:** February 25, 2022

**Signed:**

Joseph Rubin, Asst. Dep. A.G.  
Asst. Dep. A.G.  
Digitally signed by Joseph Rubin, Asst. Dep. A.G.  
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***Joseph Rubin***  
***Assistant Deputy Attorney General***  
***Duly Authorized***

# The Connecticut General Assembly

## Legislative Regulation Review Committee

Senator James Maroney  
Senate Chair



Representative Nicole Klarides-Ditria  
House Chair

### Official Record of Committee Action

May 24, 2022

Agency:	State Elections Enforcement Commission
Description:	Citizens' Election Program Child Care Expenditures
LRRC Regulation Number:	2022-003
eRegulation Tracking Number:	PR2021-044

The above-referenced regulation has been

### Approved in Whole

by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee in accordance  
with CGS Section 4-170.

Kirstin L. Breiner  
Committee Administrator





State of Connecticut  
Office of the Secretary of the State

**Confirmation of Electronic Submission**

Re: Regulation of the State Elections Enforcement Commission concerning  
Citizens' Election Program Child Care Expenditures  
eRegulations System Tracking Number PR2021-044  
Legislative Regulation Review Committee Docket Number 2022-003

The above-referenced regulation was electronically submitted to the Office of the Secretary of the State in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-172 on June 7, 2022.

Said regulation is assigned Secretary of the State File Number 6363.

The effective date of this regulation is June 15, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Denise W. Merrill".

Denise W. Merrill  
Secretary of the State  
June 15, 2022

By:

/s/ Christopher R. Drake  
Christopher R. Drake  
Director, Business Services  
Division