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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Lyle, and Nardone

Date Introduced: February 14, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

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
7 election year, shall be subject to all reporting requirements under this chapter and shall report the
8 value of any transportation, housing, meals or any other amenity as a donation to the recipient's
9 campaign.

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

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

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

1 (e) Any entity or person that violates this section shall be subject to the penalty
2 provisions provided in this chapter.

3 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
2 with reporting requirements and contribution limits for transportation, housing, meals and other
3 amenities provided to those holding or seeking elective office. It also prohibits any nonprofit
4 owned by any office holder or candidate from providing any type of amenities to any other
5 candidate.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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