Overview

This bill authorizes costs paid by a candidate’s principal campaign committee for certain security-related expenses to be reported as “noncampaign disbursements” on the committee’s campaign finance reports. The expenses must be made for the security of the candidate or a member of the candidate’s immediate family.

A “noncampaign disbursement” is an expenditure of campaign money that must be reported to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, but does not count against the limits on a candidate’s spending. The types of activities that may be classified as a noncampaign disbursement are listed in law, and include a variety of activities that provide administrative or other indirect support to a campaign’s operations, or to the candidate once elected to public office.