

# RELEASE: Senate Passes House Bill Removing Barriers for Working Parents to Run for Public Office



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## **SENATE PASSES HOUSE BILL REMOVING BARRIERS FOR WORKING PARENTS TO RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – The New Hampshire Senate voted 15-9 today to pass [HB 651](#), which would allow candidates to use campaign funds for child care expenses while running for office.

**Representative Tom Loughman (D-Hampton)**, prime sponsor of the legislation, released the following statement:

“There are many barriers young people face to serving in the legislature, including managing child care expenses while running for office. House Bill 651 helps to alleviate one of those barriers by allowing people to use campaign funds for child care expenses incurred while they are running for office. In an economy where often times both parents need to work to make ends meet, childcare has become a necessity for today’s working families. Time spent running for office and not earning income can come at great costs, creating barriers to service for New Hampshire’s young parents.”

“The Federal Elections Commission has ruled unanimously that federal candidates can use campaign funds to pay for child care costs that result in time spent running for office, and New Hampshire should follow suit. Working parents provide critical perspective and experience to the legislative process and we should be removing barriers for them to run for office.”