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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REGULATIONS**

The Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) will hold a public hearing concerning proposed revisions to regulations at 970 CMR 2.00 relative to the use of campaign funds for childcare expenses. The regulations will be issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 55, § 3, G.L. c. 30A, and Section 313 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024. The intention of this action is to make permanent Emergency Regulations filed on January 6, 2025 regarding this matter.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed regulations, which are posted on OCPF's website at [www.ocpf.us](http://www.ocpf.us). The public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the office of OCPF, One Ashburton Place, Room 411, Boston, Massachusetts. Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearing in person or via teleconferencing platform. Persons wishing to attend the hearing remotely should email [Jason.tait@mass.gov](mailto:Jason.tait@mass.gov) and request the teleconferencing platform link.

Written comments may also be submitted by mail or email until 5:00 PM on March 17, 2025, to [sarah.hartry@mass.gov](mailto:sarah.hartry@mass.gov), or via mail to General Counsel Sarah Hartry, OCPF, One Ashburton Place, Room 411, Boston, MA 02108.



**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**  
**(1/16/2025)**

**Agency Submitting Regulation:** Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF)

**Subject Matter of Regulation:** The office intends to issue revised regulations at 970 CMR 2.00. The regulations will be implemented as required by Section 313 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024 relative to the use of campaign funds for childcare purposes.

**Regulation No:** Adds new 970 CMR 2.06(3)(y).

**Statutory Authority:** The regulations will be issued pursuant to M.G.L c. 30A, M.G.L. c. 55, § 3 and Section 313 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024.

**Other Agencies Affected:** None.

**Other Regulations That May Duplicate or Conflict with the Regulation:** None.

**Describe the Scope and Objectives of the Regulation:** The regulations will implement portions of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024 relative to the permitted use of campaign funds for childcare purposes.

**Business Industry(ies) Affected by the Regulation:** None.

**Types of Businesses Included in the Industry(ies):** None.

**Total Number of Small Businesses Included in the Regulated Industry(ies)** *Please see the attached guidance documents for assistance determining the total number of small businesses:* None.

**Number of Small Businesses Potentially Subject to the Proposed Regulation:** None.

**Effective Date Used In Cost Estimate:** N/A

Yes	No	<i>*Note: For each question, please answer "yes" or "no" and offer a brief explanation. Please describe any facts, data, views, arguments, or other input from small businesses, organizations or any other sources that were used to quantify the impacts outlined below.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No N/A	Are performance standards more appropriate than design standards?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Will the regulation have the effect of creating additional taxes and/or fees for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Can the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No N/A	Can the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No N/A	Can the compliance or reporting requirements be consolidated or simplified for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No N/A	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No N/A	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No xx	Were any small businesses or small business organizations contacted during the preparation of this document? If so, please describe.