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Rep. Kane named to Special Commission on Family Care and Child Care Services

BOSTON – Governor Baker has appointed State Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury) to a special commission that will explore the possibility of allowing candidates for public office in Massachusetts to use campaign funds for childcare expenses.

The Special Commission on Family Care and Child Care Services is tasked with examining similar state and federal laws to see if it is possible to offer Massachusetts candidates for state, county and municipal offices the option to use campaign funds for childcare expenses. The development of parameters for what constitutes an allowable use of funds for childcare as well as the determination of what safeguards should be in place to ensure the state's Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) can adequately vet expenditures have also been tasked to the Commission. Texas, Alabama and Wisconsin currently allow use of campaign funds for childcare expenses.

"I am honored that Governor Baker appointed me to serve on this Commission looking into expanding the allowed use of campaign funds for family and childcare services and I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners," remarked Representative Kane.

Seven legislators, including Representative Kane, serve on the 11-member commission. The Commission is chaired by Representative John Lawn (D-Watertown) and Senator Barry Finegold (D-Andover). The other legislators are Senator Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton), Representative Kimberly Ferguson (R-Holden), and the House and Senate Co-chairs of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, Representative Elizabeth Malia (D-Boston) and Senator Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington). Jill Ashton, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, OCPF Director Michael Sullivan, and Pam Wilmot, Executive Director of Common Cause Massachusetts, also serve on the commission. The commission is scheduled to release a report of its findings and recommendations by June 1, 2020.

Representative Kane currently serves as the Ranking Minority Member on the Joint Committee on Public Health, the Ranking Minority Member on the Joint Committee on Cannabis Policy, and is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. She represents the Eleventh Worcester District, which is comprised of Shrewsbury and precincts 4 and 5 in Westborough.

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