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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5208

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5208 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Zachary's
5 Parent Protection Act.

6 Section 5. The Family Bereavement Leave Act is amended by
7 changing Sections 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 35 and by adding
8 Sections 3, 12, and 14 as follows:

9 (820 ILCS 154/1)

10 Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the ~~Family~~
11 Bereavement Leave Act.

12 (Source: P.A. 102-1050, eff. 1-1-23.)

13 (820 ILCS 154/3 new)

14 Sec. 3. Findings; legislative intent; construction. The

1 General Assembly finds and declares that:

2 (1) the General Assembly first enacted this Act as the
3 Child Bereavement Leave Act through Public Act 99-703,
4 effective July 29, 2016;

5 (2) the General Assembly broadened the protections
6 provided in this Act through Public Act 102-1050,
7 effective June 9, 2022, and renamed it the Family
8 Bereavement Leave Act;

9 (3) the General Assembly subsequently enacted the
10 Child Extended Bereavement Leave Act as a separate Act
11 through Public Act 103-466, effective August 4, 2023;

12 (4) these statutory protections for workers grieving
13 the loss of a loved one were made possible by the efforts
14 of parent advocates who championed their passage; and

15 (5) this Act, which may be cited as the Bereavement
16 Leave Act, is established to provide for comprehensive and
17 effective administration and enforcement of these
18 statutory protections in a single Act.

19 (820 ILCS 154/5)

20 Sec. 5. Definitions. In this Act:

21 "Assisted reproduction" means a method of achieving a
22 pregnancy through an artificial insemination or an embryo
23 transfer and includes gamete and embryo donation. "Assisted
24 reproduction" does not include any pregnancy achieved through
25 sexual intercourse.

1 "Child" means an employee's child ~~son or daughter~~ who is a
2 biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal
3 ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis.

4 "Covered family member" means an employee's ~~child,~~
5 ~~stepchild,~~ spouse, domestic partner, sibling, parent,
6 mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandchild, grandparent, or
7 stepparent.

8 "Department" means the Department of Labor.

9 "Domestic partner", used with respect to an unmarried
10 employee, includes:

11 (1) the person recognized as the domestic partner of
12 the employee under any domestic partnership or civil union
13 law of a state or political subdivision of a state; or

14 (2) an unmarried adult person who is in a committed,
15 personal relationship with the employee, who is not a
16 domestic partner as described in paragraph (1) to or in
17 such a relationship with any other person, and who is
18 designated to the employee's employer by such employee as
19 that employee's domestic partner.

20 ~~"Department" means the Department of Labor.~~

21 "Employee" means any individual permitted to work by an
22 employer in an occupation. "Employee" does not include any
23 individual:

24 (1) who has been and will continue to be free from
25 control and direction over the performance of the
26 employee's work, both under the employee's contract of

1 service with the employer and in fact;

2 (2) who performs work which is either outside the
3 usual course of business or is performed outside all of
4 the places of business of the employer unless the employer
5 is in the business of contracting with third parties for
6 the placement of employees; and

7 (3) who is in an independently established trade,
8 occupation, profession, or business ~~eligible employee, as~~
9 ~~defined by Section 101(2) of the federal Family and~~
10 ~~Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.).~~

11 "Employer" means any individual, sole proprietor,
12 partnership, association, corporation, limited liability
13 company, business trust, or employment and labor placement
14 agency where wage payments are made directly or indirectly by
15 the business or agency for work undertaken by employees under
16 hire to a third party who employs at least one employee.

17 "Employer" does not include the federal government or an
18 agency of the federal government ~~employer, as defined by~~
19 ~~Section 101(4) of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of~~
20 ~~1993 (29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.).~~

21 "Pregnancy or adoption related event" means: (i) a
22 miscarriage; (ii) an unsuccessful round of intrauterine
23 insemination or of an assisted reproductive technology
24 procedure; (iii) a failed adoption match or an adoption that
25 is not finalized because it is contested by another party;
26 (iv) a failed surrogacy agreement; (v) a diagnosis that

1 negatively impacts pregnancy or fertility; or (vi) a
2 stillbirth.

3 (Source: P.A. 102-1050, eff. 1-1-23.)

4 (820 ILCS 154/10)

5 Sec. 10. Family bereavement ~~Bereavement~~ leave.

6 (a) In addition to the bereavement leave afforded in
7 Sections 12 and 14, all ~~All~~ employees shall be entitled to use
8 an amount ~~a maximum of 2 weeks (10 work days)~~ of unpaid
9 bereavement leave to, in accordance with the time limits set
10 forth in subsection (a-5):

11 (1) attend the funeral or alternative to a funeral of
12 a covered family member;

13 (2) make arrangements necessitated by the death of the
14 covered family member;

15 (3) grieve the death of the covered family member; or

16 (4) be absent from work due to a pregnancy or adoption
17 related event ~~(i) a miscarriage; (ii) an unsuccessful~~
18 ~~round of intrauterine insemination or of an assisted~~
19 ~~reproductive technology procedure; (iii) a failed adoption~~
20 ~~match or an adoption that is not finalized because it is~~
21 ~~contested by another party; (iv) a failed surrogacy~~
22 ~~agreement; (v) a diagnosis that negatively impacts~~
23 ~~pregnancy or fertility; or (vi) a stillbirth.~~

24 (a-5) An employee of an employer who employs fewer than 50
25 employees is entitled to use a maximum of 5 days of unpaid

1 bereavement leave provided for in subsection (a) during any
2 12-month period. An employee of an employer who employs 50 or
3 more employees is entitled to use a maximum of 10 days of
4 unpaid bereavement leave provided for in subsection (a) during
5 any 12-month period.

6 (b) Bereavement leave under subsection (a) of this Section
7 must be taken ~~completed~~ within 60 days after the date on which
8 the employee receives notice of the death of the covered
9 family member or the date on which an event listed under
10 paragraph (4) of subsection (a) occurs. Bereavement leave
11 under this Section may be taken in a single continuous period
12 or intermittently in increments of no less than 4 hours.

13 (c) (Blank). ~~An employee shall provide the employer with~~
14 ~~at least 48 hours' advance notice of the employee's intention~~
15 ~~to take bereavement leave, unless providing such notice is not~~
16 ~~reasonable and practicable.~~

17 (d) (Blank). ~~An employer may, but is not required to,~~
18 ~~require reasonable documentation. Documentation may include a~~
19 ~~death certificate, a published obituary, or written~~
20 ~~verification of death, burial, or memorial services from a~~
21 ~~mortuary, funeral home, burial society, crematorium, religious~~
22 ~~institution, or government agency. For leave resulting from an~~
23 ~~event listed under paragraph (4) of subsection (a), reasonable~~
24 ~~documentation shall include a form, to be provided by the~~
25 ~~Department, to be filled out by a health care practitioner who~~
26 ~~has treated the employee or the employee's spouse or domestic~~

1 ~~partner, or surrogate, for an event listed under paragraph (4)~~
2 ~~of subsection (a), or documentation from the adoption or~~
3 ~~surrogacy organization that the employee worked with related~~
4 ~~to an event listed under paragraph (4) of subsection (a),~~
5 ~~certifying that the employee or his or her spouse or domestic~~
6 ~~partner has experienced an event listed under paragraph (4) of~~
7 ~~subsection (a). The employer may not require that the employee~~
8 ~~identify which category of event the leave pertains to as a~~
9 ~~condition of exercising rights under this Act.~~

10 (e) In the event of the death of more than one covered
11 family member in a 12-month period, an employee is entitled to
12 a maximum of up to a total of 6 weeks of bereavement leave
13 during the 12-month period. ~~This Act does not create a right~~
14 ~~for an employee to take unpaid leave that exceeds the unpaid~~
15 ~~leave time allowed under, or is in addition to the unpaid leave~~
16 ~~time permitted by, the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of~~
17 ~~1993 (29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.).~~

18 (Source: P.A. 102-1050, eff. 1-1-23.)

19 (820 ILCS 154/12 new)

20 Sec. 12. Child extended bereavement leave.

21 (a) In addition to the bereavement leave afforded under
22 Sections 10 and 14:

23 (1) An employee of an employer who employs fewer than
24 50 employees is entitled to use a maximum of 3 workweeks of
25 unpaid bereavement leave during any 12-month period if the

1 employee experiences the loss of a child.

2 (2) An employee of an employer who employs 50 or more
3 employees but fewer than 250 employees is entitled to use
4 a maximum of 6 workweeks of unpaid bereavement leave
5 during any 12-month period if the employee experiences the
6 loss of a child.

7 (3) An employee of an employer who employs 250 or more
8 employees is entitled to use a maximum of 12 workweeks of
9 unpaid bereavement leave during any 12-month period if the
10 employee experiences the loss of a child.

11 (b) This Section does not apply to full-time employees of
12 the State, except for those employees who are not otherwise
13 eligible for family responsibility leave or a leave of absence
14 without pay.

15 (c) Bereavement leave under this Section may be taken in a
16 single continuous period or intermittently in increments of no
17 less than 4 hours. Bereavement leave under this Section must
18 be taken within 12 months after the employee notifies the
19 employer of the loss covered under this Section.

20 (820 ILCS 154/14 new)

21 Sec. 14. General bereavement leave.

22 (a) In addition to the bereavement leave afforded in
23 Sections 10 and 12, all employees shall be entitled to use a
24 maximum of 3 days of unpaid bereavement leave during any
25 12-month period to:

1 (1) attend the funeral or alternative to a funeral of
2 any person;

3 (2) make arrangements necessitated by the death of any
4 person; or

5 (3) grieve the death of any person.

6 (b) Bereavement leave under this Section may be taken in a
7 single continuous period or intermittently in increments of no
8 less than 4 hours, but leave must be taken within 60 calendar
9 days after the employee notifies the employer of the loss
10 covered under this Section.

11 (c) If more than one death occurs that qualifies a person
12 to take leave under this Section during any 12-month period,
13 an employee is entitled to a maximum of 3 days of unpaid
14 bereavement leave during the 12-month period under this
15 Section.

16 (820 ILCS 154/15)

17 Sec. 15. Existing leave usable for bereavement and family
18 reasons.

19 (a) An employee who is entitled to take paid or unpaid
20 leave (including family, medical, sick, annual, personal, or
21 similar leave) from employment, pursuant to federal, State, or
22 local law, a collective bargaining agreement, or an employment
23 benefits program or plan may elect to substitute any period of
24 such leave for an equivalent period of leave provided under
25 Section 10.

1 (b) The bereavement leave provided under this Act is in
2 addition to the unpaid leave time allowed under the federal
3 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.).
4 (Source: P.A. 99-703, eff. 7-29-16.)

5 (820 ILCS 154/20)

6 Sec. 20. Employer ~~Unlawful employer~~ practices. It is
7 unlawful for any employer to take any adverse action against
8 an employee because the employee (1) exercises rights or
9 attempts to exercise rights under this Act, (2) opposes
10 practices which such employee believes to be in violation of
11 this Act, or (3) supports the exercise of rights of another
12 under this Act.

13 Exercising rights under this Act includes using or
14 requesting to use bereavement leave under this Act, filing an
15 action or instituting or causing to be instituted any
16 proceeding under or related to this Act; providing or agreeing
17 to provide any information in connection with any inquiry or
18 proceeding relating to any right provided under this Act; or
19 testifying to or agreeing to testify in any inquiry or
20 proceeding relating to any right provided under this Act.

21 (b) An employer may require that an employee provide the
22 employer with at least 48 hours of advance notice of the
23 employee's intention to take bereavement leave, unless
24 providing the notice is not foreseeable, reasonable, and
25 practicable.

1 (c) An employer may, but is not required to, require
2 reasonable documentation for the use of any form of leave
3 afforded under this Act as follows:

4 (1) For a leave event related to the death of a covered
5 family member under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of
6 subsection (a) of Section 10, reasonable documentation
7 shall include a death certificate, a published obituary,
8 or written verification of death, burial, or memorial
9 services from a mortuary, funeral home, burial society,
10 crematorium, religious institution, or government agency.

11 (2) For a leave event related to a pregnancy or
12 adoption related event under paragraph (4) of subsection
13 (a) of Section 10, reasonable documentation shall include
14 a form, to be provided by the Department, to be filled out
15 by a health care practitioner who has treated the employee
16 or the employee's spouse or domestic partner, or
17 surrogate, for an event listed under paragraph (4) of
18 subsection (a) of Section 10, or documentation from the
19 adoption or surrogacy organization that the employee
20 worked with related to an event listed under paragraph (4)
21 of subsection (a) of Section 10, certifying that the
22 employee or the employee's spouse or domestic partner has
23 experienced an event listed under paragraph (4) of
24 subsection (a) of Section 10. The employer may not require
25 that the employee identify which category of pregnancy or
26 adoption related event the leave pertains to as a

1 condition of exercising rights under this Act.

2 (3) For a leave event related to the death of a child
3 under Section 12, reasonable documentation shall include a
4 death certificate, a published obituary, or written
5 verification of death, burial, or memorial services from a
6 mortuary, funeral home, burial society, crematorium,
7 religious institution, or government agency.

8 (4) For a leave event related to the death of any other
9 person under Section 14, reasonable documentation shall
10 include a death certificate, a published obituary, or
11 written verification of death, burial, or memorial
12 services from a mortuary, funeral home, burial society,
13 crematorium, religious institution, or government agency.

14 (Source: P.A. 99-703, eff. 7-29-16.)

15 (820 ILCS 154/25)

16 Sec. 25. Department responsibilities.

17 (a) The Department shall administer and enforce this Act
18 and adopt rules under the Illinois Administrative Procedure
19 Act for the purpose of this Act. The Department shall review
20 complaints to determine whether there is cause for
21 investigation. The Department shall have the powers and the
22 parties shall have the rights provided in the Illinois
23 Administrative Procedure Act for contested cases. The
24 Department shall have the power to conduct investigations in
25 connection with the administration and enforcement of this

1 Act, including the power to conduct depositions and discovery
2 and to issue subpoenas. If the Department finds cause to
3 believe that this Act has been violated, the Department shall
4 notify the parties in writing and the matter shall be referred
5 to an Administrative Law Judge to schedule a formal hearing in
6 accordance with hearing procedures established by rule.

7 (b) The Department is authorized to impose civil penalties
8 prescribed in Section 30 in administrative proceedings that
9 comply with the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and to
10 supervise the payment of the unpaid wages and damages owing to
11 the employee or employees under this Act. The Department may
12 bring any legal action necessary to recover the amount of
13 unpaid wages, damages, and penalties, and the employer shall
14 be required to pay the costs. Any sums recovered by the
15 Department on behalf of an employee under this Act shall be
16 paid to the employee or employees affected. However, 20% of
17 any penalty collected from the employer for a violation of
18 this Act shall be deposited into the Paid Leave for All Workers
19 ~~Child Labor and Day and Temporary Labor Services Enforcement~~
20 Fund.

21 (c) The Attorney General may bring an action to enforce
22 the collection of any civil penalty imposed under this Act.

23 (Source: P.A. 104-2, eff. 6-16-25.)

24 (820 ILCS 154/35)

25 Sec. 35. Use of other bereavement leave ~~Other law.~~ An

1 employee who uses unpaid bereavement leave under Section 10,
2 12, or 14 may not use unpaid bereavement leave under a
3 different Section for the death of the same person. A person
4 who uses leave under the Child Extended Bereavement Leave Act
5 because of the death of a child may not take leave under this
6 Act because of the death of the same child.

7 (Source: P.A. 103-466, eff. 1-1-24.)

8 (820 ILCS 156/Act rep.)

9 Section 10. The Child Extended Bereavement Leave Act is
10 repealed.

11 Section 15. The Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act
12 is amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

13 (820 ILCS 180/20)

14 Sec. 20. Entitlement to leave due to domestic violence,
15 sexual violence, gender violence, or any other crime of
16 violence.

17 (a) Leave requirement.

18 (1) Basis. An employee who is a victim of domestic
19 violence, sexual violence, gender violence, or any other
20 crime of violence or an employee who has a family or
21 household member who is a victim of domestic violence,
22 sexual violence, gender violence, or any other crime of
23 violence whose interests are not adverse to the employee

1 as it relates to the domestic violence, sexual violence,
2 gender violence, or any other crime of violence may take
3 unpaid leave from work if the employee or employee's
4 family or household member is experiencing an incident of
5 domestic violence, sexual violence, gender violence, or
6 any other crime of violence or to address domestic
7 violence, sexual violence, gender violence, or any other
8 crime of violence by:

9 (A) seeking medical attention for, or recovering
10 from, physical or psychological injuries caused by
11 domestic violence, sexual violence, gender violence,
12 or any other crime of violence to the employee or the
13 employee's family or household member;

14 (B) obtaining services from a victim services
15 organization for the employee or the employee's family
16 or household member;

17 (C) obtaining psychological or other counseling
18 for the employee or the employee's family or household
19 member;

20 (D) participating in safety planning, temporarily
21 or permanently relocating, or taking other actions to
22 increase the safety of the employee or the employee's
23 family or household member from future domestic
24 violence, sexual violence, gender violence, or any
25 other crime of violence or ensure economic security;

26 (E) seeking legal assistance or remedies to ensure

1 the health and safety of the employee or the
2 employee's family or household member, including
3 preparing for or participating in any civil, criminal,
4 or military legal proceeding related to or derived
5 from domestic violence, sexual violence, gender
6 violence, or any other crime of violence;

7 (F) attending the funeral or alternative to a
8 funeral or wake of a family or household member who is
9 killed in a crime of violence;

10 (G) making arrangements necessitated by the death
11 of a family or household member who is killed in a
12 crime of violence; or

13 (H) grieving the death of a family or household
14 member who is killed in a crime of violence.

15 (2) Period. Subject to subsection (c) and except as
16 provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, an employee
17 working for an employer that employs at least 50 employees
18 shall be entitled to a total of 12 workweeks of leave
19 during any 12-month period. Subject to subsection (c) and
20 except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, an
21 employee working for an employer that employs at least 15
22 but not more than 49 employees shall be entitled to a total
23 of 8 workweeks of leave during any 12-month period.
24 Subject to subsection (c) and except as provided in
25 paragraph (4) of this subsection, an employee working for
26 an employer that employs at least one but not more than 14

1 employees shall be entitled to a total of 4 workweeks of
2 leave during any 12-month period. The total number of
3 workweeks to which an employee is entitled shall not
4 decrease during the relevant 12-month period. This Act
5 does not create a right for an employee to take unpaid
6 leave that exceeds the unpaid leave time allowed under, or
7 is in addition to the unpaid leave time permitted by, the
8 federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C.
9 2601 et seq.).

10 (3) Schedule. Leave described in paragraph (1) may be
11 taken consecutively, intermittently, or on a reduced work
12 schedule.

13 (4) Exceptions. An employee shall be entitled to use a
14 cumulative total of not more than 2 workweeks (10 work
15 days) of unpaid leave for the purposes described in
16 subparagraph ~~subparagraphs~~ (F), (G), or (H) of paragraph
17 (1), which must be completed within 60 days after the date
18 on which the employee receives notice of the death of the
19 victim, and is subject to the following:

20 (A) Except as provided in paragraph ~~subparagraph~~
21 (2), if an employee is also entitled to take ~~taken~~
22 unpaid bereavement leave under the ~~Family~~ Bereavement
23 Leave Act as a result of the death of the victim, this
24 Act does not create a right for the employee to take
25 unpaid bereavement leave that exceeds, or is in
26 addition to, the unpaid bereavement leave the employee

1 is entitled to take under the ~~Family~~ Bereavement Leave
2 Act.

3 (B) If an employee is also entitled to take unpaid
4 bereavement leave under the ~~Family~~ Bereavement Leave
5 Act as a result of the death of the victim, leave taken
6 under this Act for the purposes described in
7 subparagraph ~~subparagraphs~~ (F), (G), or (H) of
8 paragraph (1) or leave taken under the ~~Family~~
9 Bereavement Leave Act shall be in addition to, and
10 shall not diminish, the total amount of leave time an
11 employee is entitled to under paragraph (2).

12 (C) If an employee is not entitled to unpaid
13 bereavement leave under the ~~Family~~ Bereavement Leave
14 Act as a result of the death of the victim, leave taken
15 for the purposes described in subparagraph
16 ~~subparagraphs~~ (F), (G), or (H) of paragraph (1) shall
17 be deducted from, and is not in addition to, the total
18 amount of leave time an employee is entitled to under
19 paragraph (2).

20 (D) Leave taken for the purposes described in
21 subparagraph ~~subparagraphs~~ (F), (G), or (H) of
22 paragraph (1) shall not otherwise limit or diminish
23 the total amount of leave time an employee is entitled
24 to take under paragraph (2).

25 (b) Notice. The employee shall provide the employer with
26 at least 48 hours' advance notice of the employee's intention

1 to take the leave, unless providing such notice is not
2 practicable. When an unscheduled absence occurs, the employer
3 may not take any action against the employee if the employee,
4 upon request of the employer and within a reasonable period
5 after the absence, provides certification under subsection
6 (c).

7 (c) Certification.

8 (1) In general. The employer may require the employee
9 to provide certification to the employer that:

10 (A) the employee or the employee's family or
11 household member is a victim of domestic violence,
12 sexual violence, gender violence, or any other crime
13 of violence; and

14 (B) the leave is for one of the purposes
15 enumerated in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) ~~(a)(1)~~.

16 The employee shall provide such certification to the
17 employer within a reasonable period after the employer
18 requests certification.

19 (2) Contents. An employee may satisfy the
20 certification requirement of paragraph (1) by providing to
21 the employer a sworn statement of the employee, and if the
22 employee has possession of such document, the employee
23 shall provide one of the following documents:

24 (A) documentation from an employee, agent, or
25 volunteer of a victim services organization, an
26 attorney, a member of the clergy, or a medical or other

1 professional from whom the employee or the employee's
2 family or household member has sought assistance in
3 addressing domestic violence, sexual violence, gender
4 violence, or any other crime of violence and the
5 effects of the violence;

6 (B) a police, court, or military record;

7 (B-5) a death certificate, published obituary, or
8 written verification of death, burial, or memorial
9 services from a mortuary, funeral home, burial
10 society, crematorium, religious institution, or
11 government agency, documenting that a victim was
12 killed in a crime of violence; or

13 (C) other corroborating evidence.

14 The employee shall choose which document to submit,
15 and the employer shall not request or require more than
16 one document to be submitted during the same 12-month
17 period leave is requested or taken if the reason for leave
18 is related to the same incident or incidents of violence
19 or the same perpetrator or perpetrators of the violence.

20 (d) Confidentiality. All information provided to the
21 employer pursuant to subsection (b) or (c), including a
22 statement of the employee or any other documentation, record,
23 or corroborating evidence, and the fact that the employee has
24 requested or obtained leave pursuant to this Section, shall be
25 retained in the strictest confidence by the employer, except
26 to the extent that disclosure is:

1 (1) requested or consented to in writing by the
2 employee; or

3 (2) otherwise required by applicable federal or State
4 law.

5 (e) Employment and benefits.

6 (1) Restoration to position.

7 (A) In general. Any employee who takes leave under
8 this Section for the intended purpose of the leave
9 shall be entitled, on return from such leave:

10 (i) to be restored by the employer to the
11 position of employment held by the employee when
12 the leave commenced; or

13 (ii) to be restored to an equivalent position
14 with equivalent employment benefits, pay, and
15 other terms and conditions of employment.

16 (B) Loss of benefits. The taking of leave under
17 this Section shall not result in the loss of any
18 employment benefit accrued prior to the date on which
19 the leave commenced.

20 (C) Limitations. Nothing in this subsection shall
21 be construed to entitle any restored employee to:

22 (i) the accrual of any seniority or employment
23 benefits during any period of leave; or

24 (ii) any right, benefit, or position of
25 employment other than any right, benefit, or
26 position to which the employee would have been

1 entitled had the employee not taken the leave.

2 (D) Construction. Nothing in this paragraph shall
3 be construed to prohibit an employer from requiring an
4 employee on leave under this Section to report
5 periodically to the employer on the status and
6 intention of the employee to return to work.

7 (2) Maintenance of health benefits.

8 (A) Coverage. Except as provided in subparagraph
9 (B), during any period that an employee takes leave
10 under this Section, the employer shall maintain
11 coverage for the employee and any family or household
12 member under any group health plan for the duration of
13 such leave at the level and under the conditions
14 coverage would have been provided if the employee had
15 continued in employment continuously for the duration
16 of such leave.

17 (B) Failure to return from leave. The employer may
18 recover the premium that the employer paid for
19 maintaining coverage for the employee and the
20 employee's family or household member under such group
21 health plan during any period of leave under this
22 Section if:

23 (i) the employee fails to return from leave
24 under this Section after the period of leave to
25 which the employee is entitled has expired; and

26 (ii) the employee fails to return to work for

1 a reason other than:

2 (I) the continuation, recurrence, or onset
3 of domestic violence, sexual violence, gender
4 violence, or any other crime of violence that
5 entitles the employee to leave pursuant to
6 this Section; or

7 (II) other circumstances beyond the
8 control of the employee.

9 (C) Certification.

10 (i) Issuance. An employer may require an
11 employee who claims that the employee is unable to
12 return to work because of a reason described in
13 subclause (I) or (II) of clause (ii) of
14 subparagraph (B) ~~(B)(ii)~~ to provide, within a
15 reasonable period after making the claim,
16 certification to the employer that the employee is
17 unable to return to work because of that reason.

18 (ii) Contents. An employee may satisfy the
19 certification requirement of clause (i) by
20 providing to the employer:

21 (I) a sworn statement of the employee;

22 (II) documentation from an employee,
23 agent, or volunteer of a victim services
24 organization, an attorney, a member of the
25 clergy, or a medical or other professional
26 from whom the employee has sought assistance

1 in addressing domestic violence, sexual
2 violence, gender violence, or any other crime
3 of violence and the effects of that violence;

4 (III) a police, court, or military record;

5 or

6 (IV) other corroborating evidence.

7 The employee shall choose which document to
8 submit, and the employer shall not request or require
9 more than one document to be submitted.

10 (D) Confidentiality. All information provided to
11 the employer pursuant to subparagraph (C), including a
12 statement of the employee or any other documentation,
13 record, or corroborating evidence, and the fact that
14 the employee is not returning to work because of a
15 reason described in subclause (I) or (II) of clause
16 (ii) of subparagraph (B) ~~(B)(ii)~~ shall be retained in
17 the strictest confidence by the employer, except to
18 the extent that disclosure is:

19 (i) requested or consented to in writing by
20 the employee; or

21 (ii) otherwise required by applicable federal
22 or State law.

23 (f) Prohibited acts.

24 (1) Interference with rights.

25 (A) Exercise of rights. It shall be unlawful for
26 any employer to interfere with, restrain, or deny the

1 exercise of or the attempt to exercise any right
2 provided under this Section.

3 (B) Employer discrimination. It shall be unlawful
4 for any employer to discharge or harass any
5 individual, or otherwise discriminate against any
6 individual with respect to compensation, terms,
7 conditions, or privileges of employment of the
8 individual (including retaliation in any form or
9 manner) because the individual:

10 (i) exercised any right provided under this
11 Section; or

12 (ii) opposed any practice made unlawful by
13 this Section.

14 (C) Public agency sanctions. It shall be unlawful
15 for any public agency to deny, reduce, or terminate
16 the benefits of, otherwise sanction, or harass any
17 individual, or otherwise discriminate against any
18 individual with respect to the amount, terms, or
19 conditions of public assistance of the individual
20 (including retaliation in any form or manner) because
21 the individual:

22 (i) exercised any right provided under this
23 Section; or

24 (ii) opposed any practice made unlawful by
25 this Section.

26 (2) Interference with proceedings or inquiries. It

1 shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or in any
2 other manner discriminate (as described in subparagraph
3 (B) or (C) of paragraph (1)) against any individual
4 because such individual:

5 (A) has filed any charge, or has instituted or
6 caused to be instituted any proceeding, under or
7 related to this Section;

8 (B) has given, or is about to give, any
9 information in connection with any inquiry or
10 proceeding relating to any right provided under this
11 Section; or

12 (C) has testified, or is about to testify, in any
13 inquiry or proceeding relating to any right provided
14 under this Section.

15 (Source: P.A. 102-487, eff. 1-1-22; 102-890, eff. 5-19-22;
16 103-314, eff. 1-1-24; revised 7-10-25.)

17 Section 20. The Child Labor Law of 2024 is amended by
18 changing Section 75 as follows:

19 (820 ILCS 206/75)

20 Sec. 75. Civil penalties.

21 (a) Any person employing, allowing, or permitting a minor
22 to work who violates any of the provisions of this Act or any
23 rule adopted under the Act shall be subject to civil penalties
24 as follows:

1 (1) if a minor dies while working for an employer who
2 is found by the Department to have been employing,
3 allowing, or permitting the minor to work in violation of
4 this Act, the employer is subject to a penalty not to
5 exceed \$60,000, payable to the Department;

6 (2) if a minor receives an illness or an injury that is
7 required to be reported to the Department under Section 35
8 while working for an employer who is found by the
9 Department to have been employing, allowing, or permitting
10 the minor to work in violation of this Act, the employer is
11 subject to a penalty not to exceed \$30,000, payable to the
12 Department;

13 (3) an employer who employs, allows, or permits a
14 minor to work in violation of Section 40 shall be subject
15 to a penalty not to exceed \$15,000, payable to the
16 Department;

17 (4) an employer who fails to post or provide the
18 required notice under subsection (g) of Section 35 shall
19 be subject to a penalty not to exceed \$500, payable to the
20 Department; and

21 (5) an employer who commits any other violation of
22 this Act shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed
23 \$10,000, payable to the Department.

24 In determining the amount of the penalty, the
25 appropriateness of the penalty to the size of the business of
26 the employer charged and the gravity of the violation shall be

1 considered.

2 Each day during which any violation of this Act continues
3 shall constitute a separate and distinct offense, and the
4 employment of any minor in violation of the Act shall, with
5 respect to each minor so employed, constitute a separate and
6 distinct offense.

7 (b) Any administrative determination by the Department of
8 the amount of each penalty shall be final unless reviewed as
9 provided in Section 70.

10 (c) The amount of the penalty, when finally determined,
11 may be recovered in a civil action brought by the Director in
12 any circuit court, in which litigation the Director shall be
13 represented by the Attorney General. In an action brought by
14 the Department, the Department may request, and the Court may
15 impose on a defendant employer, an additional civil penalty of
16 up to an amount equal to the penalties assessed by the
17 Department to be distributed to an impacted minor. In an
18 action concerning multiple minors, any such penalty imposed by
19 the Court shall be distributed equally among the minors
20 employed in violation of this Act by the defendant employer.

21 (d) Penalties recovered under this Section shall be paid
22 by certified check, money order, or by an electronic payment
23 system designated by the Department, and deposited into the
24 Child Labor and Day and Temporary Labor Services Enforcement
25 Fund, a special fund in the State treasury. Moneys in the Fund
26 shall be used, subject to appropriation, for exemplary

1 programs, demonstration projects, and other activities or
2 purposes related to the enforcement of this Act, and for the
3 activities or purposes related to the enforcement of the Day
4 and Temporary Labor Services Act, the Private Employment
5 Agency Act, ~~or~~ the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act, ~~for~~
6 ~~the activities or purposes related to the enforcement of the~~
7 Job Opportunities for Qualified Applicants Act, and ~~for the~~
8 ~~activities or purposes related to the enforcement of the~~
9 ~~Family~~ Bereavement Leave Act.

10 (Source: P.A. 103-721, eff. 1-1-25; 104-2, eff. 6-16-25;
11 104-455, eff. 12-12-25; revised 1-8-26.)".