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AN ACT

- Establishing the Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program and the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry; and imposing penalties.
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- 16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 17 hereby enacts as follows:
- 18 CHAPTER 1
- 19 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS
- 20 Section 101. Short title.
- 21 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
- 22 Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act.
- 23 Section 102. Legislative intent.
- 24 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:
- 25 (1) Paid family and medical leave insurance promotes the
- 26 physical and emotional health of children and their families.
- 27 (2) Paid family and medical leave insurance has a
- 28 positive impact on economic stability and ensures competitive
- 29 viability for all businesses, but particularly smaller
- 30 businesses.

- 1 (3) The establishment of a paid family and medical leave
- 2 insurance program is essential to public health, safety and
- 3 welfare.
- 4 Section 103. Definitions.
- 5 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 6 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 7 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 8 "Application year." The 12-month period beginning on the
- 9 first day of the calendar week in which an individual files a
- 10 claim for family and medical leave insurance benefits.
- 11 "Benefits." The monetary allowances payable to a covered
- 12 individual as family and medical leave insurance during an
- 13 approved family and medical leave under the program in
- 14 accordance with this act.
- 15 "Claim." The filing of a written application with the
- 16 department for the receipt of benefits.
- "Covered individual." An employee, or a self-employed person
- 18 who elects coverage pursuant to section 503, who meets the
- 19 following requirements, as applicable:
- 20 (1) Is currently employed in this Commonwealth or is
- 21 previously employed in this Commonwealth within 120 days of
- 22 separation from employment.
- 23 (2) Meets the employment and income eligibility
- requirements set forth in section 303.
- 25 (3) Meets the requirements of this act as to the receipt
- of benefits.
- 27 (4) Submits a claim that is approved by the department.
- "Covered service member." A current or former member of the
- 29 armed forces of the United States, including a current or former
- 30 member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United

- 1 States or the Pennsylvania National Guard, who meets any of the
- 2 following requirements:
- 3 (1) Is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or
- 4 therapy.
- 5 (2) Is otherwise in outpatient status.
- 6 (3) Is on the temporary disability retired list for a
- 7 serious injury or illness incurred in the line of duty on
- 8 active duty in the armed forces of the United States or a
- 9 serious injury or illness that existed before the beginning
- of the member's active duty that was aggravated by service in
- 11 the line of duty on active duty in the armed forces of the
- 12 United States, a reserve component of the armed forces of the
- 13 United States or the Pennsylvania National Guard.
- "Department." The Department of Labor and Industry of the
- 15 Commonwealth.
- 16 "Employee." An individual who makes payroll contributions
- 17 pursuant to this act and is employed by an employer doing
- 18 business in this Commonwealth.
- "Employer." An employer as defined in section 103 of the act
- 20 of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers'
- 21 Compensation Act.
- 22 "Family." Anyone related by blood to the second degree of
- 23 consanguinity or any individual whose close association with the
- 24 employee is the equivalent of an immediate family relationship.
- 25 "Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993." The Family and
- 26 Medical Leave Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-3, 29 U.S.C. § 2601 et
- 27 seq.).
- 28 "Family and medical leave insurance." Benefits approved and
- 29 payable to covered individuals under the program.
- 30 "Fund." The Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund

- 1 established under section 506.
- 2 "Health care provider." A health care center or a person,
- 3 including a corporation, university or other educational
- 4 institution licensed or approved by the Commonwealth to provide
- 5 health care or professional medical services as a physician, a
- 6 certified nurse midwife, a podiatrist, a hospital, a nursing
- 7 home or a birth center.
- 8 "Leave." The allotted amount of time approved by the
- 9 department for the receipt of benefits pursuant to this act.
- 10 "Medical certification." Written certification from a health
- 11 care provider on a form prepared by the department that verifies
- 12 the serious health condition prompting the filing of a claim and
- 13 receipt of benefits by a covered individual pursuant to this
- 14 act.
- 15 "Program." The Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave
- 16 Insurance Program established under section 301.
- "Qualifying exigency leave." Leave for the family member of
- 18 a military member for the purposes specified in 29 CFR 825.126
- 19 (relating to leave because of a qualifying exigency).
- "Secretary." The Secretary of Labor and Industry of the
- 21 Commonwealth.
- "Serious health condition." An illness, injury, impairment,
- 23 pregnancy, recovery from childbirth or physical or mental
- 24 condition as defined at section 101(11) of the Family and
- 25 Medical Leave Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-3, 29 U.S.C. §
- 26 2611(11)).
- "Statewide average weekly wage." The average amount of
- 28 weekly wages as determined by the department on an annual basis
- 29 for each calendar year pursuant to the Workers' Compensation
- 30 Act, which shall be posted on the department's publicly

- 1 accessible Internet website.
- 2 CHAPTER 3
- 3 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM
- 4 Section 301. Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program.
- 5 (a) Establishment of program. --Within one year of the
- 6 effective date of this section, the department shall establish
- 7 the Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. No
- 8 later than two years following establishment of the program, the
- 9 department shall pay family and medical leave insurance benefits
- 10 as specified in this act.
- 11 (b) Required documentation. -- The department shall establish
- 12 reasonable procedures and forms for filing a claim under this
- 13 act, the documentation necessary to support a claim and any
- 14 certification required from a health care provider for proof of
- 15 a serious health condition.
- 16 (c) Notice of approved claim. -- In addition to the notice
- 17 provided to an employer by an employee under section 501(d), the
- 18 department shall notify the employer within five business days
- 19 of an approved claim for benefits under this act.
- 20 (d) Information sharing. -- Information sharing and
- 21 integration technology to facilitate the disclosure of relevant
- 22 information or records shall be used as practicable subject to
- 23 consent and disclosure requirements under State law.
- 24 (e) Confidentiality.--Information contained in the files and
- 25 records pertaining to an individual filing a claim under this
- 26 act are confidential and shall not be open to public inspection
- 27 other than to public employees in the performance of their
- 28 official duties.
- 29 (f) Cooperation among departments.--To properly effectuate
- 30 the provisions of this act, all departments and agencies under

- 1 the jurisdiction of the Governor shall fully cooperate with the
- 2 department and provide assistance and support as needed to
- 3 ensure the timely and efficient delivery of benefits under this
- 4 act.
- 5 Section 302. Powers and duties of department.
- 6 (a) Administration of act.--The department shall be
- 7 responsible for the administration of this act and the fund.
- 8 (b) Powers and duties. -- To fulfill its responsibilities
- 9 under this act, the department shall have the following powers
- 10 and duties:
- 11 (1) To calculate and set the amount of benefits payable
- to a covered individual as set forth in section 305 initially
- and on a semiannual basis thereafter.
- 14 (2) To provide information to employees and employers on
- the amount to be deducted as employee payroll contributions
- as set forth in section 306 initially and every two years
- thereafter.
- 18 (3) To develop and prepare the written notices that
- 19 employers must distribute and provide to their employers
- 20 pursuant to section 501. The form of these notices shall be
- 21 posted on the department's publicly accessible Internet
- website.
- 23 (4) To prepare and provide the medical certification
- form referenced in section 303(d) on the department's
- 25 publicly accessible Internet website.
- 26 (5) To prepare and provide the necessary forms for
- filing and acknowledging a benefits claim and for providing
- 28 notice of benefits approval to both employers and covered
- 29 individual employees.
- 30 (6) To develop the abstract for employer posting of

- 1 notice in the workplace under section 501, which shall be
- 2 available on the department's publicly accessibly Internet
- 3 website.
- 4 (7) To prepare and provide the employee complaint form
- on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.
- 6 (8) To develop any and all forms necessary to ensure 7 implementation of this act.
- 8 (9) To develop procedures to investigate and resolve 9 complaints under this act.
- 10 (10) To conduct an ongoing public outreach campaign to 11 inform employers and employees about the availability of the
- 12 program and the process for filing a benefits claim.
- 13 (11) To promulgate regulations as necessary to administer this act.
- 15 (12) To issue an annual report under section 507.
- 16 (c) Enforcement of act.--The secretary shall establish a
- 17 system for appeals in the case of a denial of family and medical
- 18 leave insurance benefits and all violations assessed under this
- 19 act. In establishing the appeals system, the department may
- 20 utilize procedures and appeals mechanisms established under the
- 21 act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1),
- 22 known as the Unemployment Compensation Law. Procedures to ensure
- 23 confidentiality of all information related to any claims filed
- 24 or appeals taken shall be implemented in accordance with
- 25 applicable laws.
- 26 (d) Establishment of task force. -- The department shall form
- 27 a task force composed of advocates and business leaders to
- 28 assist in the implementation of the program and to ensure
- 29 effective public outreach and enforcement of this act.
- 30 Section 303. Eligibility for family and medical leave insurance

- 1 benefits.
- 2 (a) Basis for receipt of benefits. -- No later than two years
- 3 following establishment of the program, benefits under this act
- 4 shall be payable to a covered individual who files an approved
- 5 claim based on any of the following:
- 6 (1) Because of birth, adoption or placement through
- 7 foster care, is caring for a new child during the first year
- 8 after the birth, adoption or placement of that child.
- 9 (2) Is caring for a family member with a serious health
- 10 condition.
- 11 (3) Has a serious health condition, including pregnancy,
- 12 that renders the covered individual unable to perform the
- functions of the individual's position.
- 14 (4) Is caring for a covered service member due to a
- qualifying exigency leave in accordance with the terms of the
- 16 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.
- 17 (b) Employment and income eligibility requirements. -- To be
- 18 eligible to file a benefits claim, a covered individual must
- 19 have worked at least 18 weeks and earned at least \$2,718 in
- 20 income during the 12-month period prior to submitting a claim.
- 21 The earned income rate established in this subsection shall be
- 22 adjusted annually by the department based on the Pennsylvania
- 23 Unemployment Insurance Financial Eligibility Rules.
- 24 (c) Filing of benefits claim. -- An individual seeking
- 25 benefits under this act shall submit a claim to the department
- 26 providing the required documentation to support a claim for
- 27 benefits, including any necessary medical certification.
- 28 (d) Medical certification. -- A covered individual shall
- 29 obtain a medical certification confirming a serious health
- 30 condition under subsection (a)(2) and (3) that justify the

- 1 filing of a claim and the receipt of benefits under this act and
- 2 shall make that information available to the department on the
- 3 form prescribed by the department. Any completed medical
- 4 certification form regarding a covered individual shall be
- 5 entitled to the protections of the Health Insurance Portability
- 6 and Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191, 110 Stat.
- 7 1936).
- 8 (e) Adjudication of claim. -- Upon receipt of all necessary
- 9 documentation to support a claim for benefits from a covered
- 10 individual, the department shall make a determination of
- 11 eligibility for benefits under this act within no more than five
- 12 business days.
- 13 Section 304. Duration of benefits.
- 14 (a) Maximum leave duration of 20 weeks. -- The maximum number
- 15 of weeks during which benefits are payable under section 303(a)
- 16 (1) or (3) in an application year is 20 weeks.
- 17 (b) Maximum leave duration of 12 weeks. -- The maximum number
- 18 of weeks during which benefits are payable under section 303(a)
- 19 (2) or (4) in an application year is 12 weeks.
- 20 (c) Total maximum duration. -- The duration of leave under
- 21 subsections (a) and (b) combined cannot exceed a total number of
- 22 20 weeks in any one application year regardless of reason.
- 23 (d) Initial payment of benefits. -- The first payment of
- 24 benefits shall be made to a covered individual no later than one
- 25 week:
- 26 (1) after the claim is filed and approved by the
- 27 department; or
- 28 (2) from the date the leave is scheduled to commence.
- 29 (e) Payment of benefits. -- After the initial payment of
- 30 benefits, subsequent payments shall be made semimonthly

- 1 thereafter for the duration of the approved leave.
- 2 Section 305. Amount of benefits.
- 3 (a) Calculation of benefits. -- The benefits payable to a
- 4 covered individual shall be calculated as follows:
- 5 (1) the portion of a covered individual's average weekly
- 6 wage that is equal to or less than 50% of the Statewide
- 7 average weekly wage shall be replaced at a rate of 90%; and
- 8 (2) the portion of a covered individual's average weekly
- 9 wage that exceeds 50% of the Statewide average weekly wage
- shall be replaced at a rate of 50%.
- 11 (b) Limitation.--In no case shall the weekly benefits
- 12 payable to a covered individual be more than the Statewide
- 13 average weekly wage.
- 14 (c) Adjustment of benefits calculation. -- The department
- 15 shall adjust the maximum family and medical leave insurance
- 16 benefit cap established in subsection (a) annually based on the
- 17 Statewide average weekly wage and shall transmit notice of the
- 18 revised family and medical leave insurance benefit rates to the
- 19 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania
- 20 Bulletin on an annual basis.
- 21 (d) Limit on taking of benefits and nonsequential leave. --
- 22 Under this section and section 307, benefits are not payable for
- 23 less than eight hours of leave taken in one work week.
- 24 Section 306. Contributions.
- 25 (a) Payment into the program. -- All persons employed in this
- 26 Commonwealth shall be required to contribute to the program for
- 27 the purpose of financing the program.
- 28 (b) Commencement of payroll contributions.--Payroll
- 29 contributions into the fund for the purpose of financing the
- 30 program shall commence at least one year prior to the payment of

- 1 any benefits from the fund to covered individuals.
- 2 (c) Calculation of payroll contributions. -- The amount
- 3 payable through employee payroll contributions shall be set at
- 4 0.588% of an individual employee's wages to initiate payments
- 5 into the program. Every two years thereafter, the department
- 6 shall evaluate and determine the amount of payroll contributions
- 7 and maximum employee contribution necessary to finance and
- 8 adequately support the program. The payroll contribution rate
- 9 shall be posted on the department's publicly accessible Internet
- 10 website.
- 11 (d) Notification to employers. -- The department shall notify
- 12 the Department of Revenue to advise employers of the amount
- 13 payable through employee payroll calculations.
- 14 (e) Penalty for failure to withhold. -- An employer who fails
- 15 to withhold payroll contributions in accordance with this act
- 16 shall be subject to those penalties enforceable through the act
- 17 of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of
- 18 1971, for failure to properly withhold wages for income tax and
- 19 sales and use tax purposes.
- 20 Section 307. Reduced leave schedule.
- 21 (a) Taking of nonsequential leave. -- A covered individual
- 22 shall be entitled to utilize one-half of the leave authorized
- 23 under section 304, at the option of the covered individual, to
- 24 take leave on an intermittent or reduced leave schedule in which
- 25 all of the leave authorized under this act is not taken
- 26 sequentially. Family and medical leave insurance benefits for
- 27 intermittent or reduced leave schedules shall be prorated.
- 28 (b) Impact on duration of leave. -- Nonsequential leave taken
- 29 under this section shall not result in a reduction in the total
- 30 amount of family and medical leave to which a covered individual

- 1 is entitled beyond the amount of leave actually taken.
- 2 (c) Total amount of leave allowed. -- Nothing in this section
- 3 shall be construed to enable a covered individual to take more
- 4 leave than allowed under section 304.
- 5 Section 308. Employment protections.
- 6 (a) Restoration of employment position. -- Any covered
- 7 individual who exercises a claim for benefits shall, upon the
- 8 expiration of that leave, be restored by the employer to the
- 9 position previously held by the covered individual when the
- 10 leave commenced, or to a position with equivalent seniority,
- 11 status, employment benefits, pay and other terms and conditions
- 12 of employment.
- 13 (b) Health care benefits maintained.--For the duration of a
- 14 leave approved under this act, the employer shall maintain any
- 15 health care benefits the covered individual had prior to taking
- 16 leave as if the covered individual had continued in employment
- 17 continuously from the date leave was commenced until the date
- 18 the leave terminates. A covered individual shall continue to pay
- 19 the covered individual's share of the cost of health benefits as
- 20 required prior to the commencement of the leave.
- 21 (c) Interference with benefits. -- It shall be unlawful for an
- 22 employer or any other person to interfere with, restrain or deny
- 23 the exercise of, or the attempt to exercise, any protection
- 24 afforded under this act.
- 25 (d) Retaliation prohibited. -- An employer, temporary help
- 26 company, employment agency, employee organization or other
- 27 person shall not take retaliatory personnel action or otherwise
- 28 discriminate against a person because the person took any action
- 29 in accordance with this act, including:
- 30 (1) Applying for or using benefits provided under this

- 1 act.
- 2 (2) Communicating to the employer or any other person or
- 3 entity an intent to file and act on a claim, a complaint or
- 4 an appeal with the department or a court of competent
- 5 jurisdiction.
- 6 (e) Consideration of absence. -- It shall be unlawful for an
- 7 employer to count leave taken under this act as an absence that
- 8 may lead to or result in a retaliatory personnel action.
- 9 (f) Good faith protection. -- Protections under this section
- 10 shall apply to any person who mistakenly but in good faith
- 11 alleges a violation of this act.
- 12 (g) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
- 13 "retaliatory personnel action" includes any threat, discipline,
- 14 discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction of hours or any other
- 15 adverse action taken against an employee for exercising the
- 16 rights and protections afforded by this act. The term shall also
- 17 include interference with or punishment for participating in or
- 18 acting on a complaint or appeal under this act.
- 19 Section 309. Coordination of benefits.
- 20 (a) Leave concurrent with Federal law. -- Leave taken with
- 21 wage replacement under this act that also qualifies as leave
- 22 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 shall run
- 23 concurrently with leave taken under the Family and Medical Leave
- 24 Act of 1993.
- 25 (b) Coordination with collective bargaining agreement or
- 26 employer policy. -- An employer may require that benefits payment
- 27 under this act be made concurrently or otherwise coordinated
- 28 with any payment made or leave allowed under the terms of a
- 29 disability or family care leave provision contained in a
- 30 collective bargaining agreement or employer policy. The employer

- 1 must give employees written notice of this requirement.
- 2 (c) Employer's obligation. -- This act does not diminish an
- 3 employer's obligation to comply with any of the following that
- 4 provide more generous leave:
- 5 (1) A collective bargaining agreement.
- 6 (2) An employer policy.
- 7 (3) Any other Federal or State law.
- 8 (d) Prohibition on subsequent collective bargaining
- 9 agreement or employer policy.--An individual's right to leave
- 10 and the payment of benefits under this act may not be diminished
- 11 by a collective bargaining agreement entered into or renewed, or
- 12 an employer policy adopted or retained, after the effective date
- 13 of this section. Any agreement by an individual to waive the
- 14 individual's rights under this act is void as against public
- 15 policy.
- 16 (e) Impact on Workers' Compensation Act.--Nothing in this
- 17 act shall be construed to impact the provisions of the act of
- 18 June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers'
- 19 Compensation Act, with regard to work-related injuries.
- 20 CHAPTER 5
- 21 ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES
- 22 Section 501. Notice.
- 23 (a) Employer notice to employees. -- Upon initial hiring of an
- 24 employee, and annually thereafter, an employer shall provide
- 25 written notice of the requirements of this act using the notices
- 26 prepared and posted by the department under section 302.
- 27 (b) Employer acknowledgment of leave request.--Using the
- 28 form prepared by the department under section 302, an employer
- 29 shall provide written acknowledgment to an employee when the
- 30 employee requests leave under this act. The acknowledgment shall

- 1 include:
- 2 (1) An explanation of the employee's right to benefits
- 3 under this act and the terms for its use.
- 4 (2) The amount of benefits.
- 5 (3) The procedure for filing a benefits claim with the department.
- 7 (4) Provisions on job protection and benefits 8 continuation under section 308.
- 9 (5) The prohibition on employer discrimination and
 10 retaliatory personnel action against a person for requesting,
 11 applying for or using leave as provided in section 308.
- 12 (6) The employee's ability to file a complaint for violations of this act.
- 14 (c) Public display of notice. -- Using the abstract for
- 15 employer posting available on the department's publicly
- 16 accessible Internet website, an employer shall display and
- 17 maintain a poster in a conspicuous place accessible to employees
- 18 at the employer's place of business that contains the
- 19 information required by this section in English and Spanish,
- 20 with consideration to the inclusion of other significant
- 21 languages spoken in the workplace.
- 22 (d) Employee notice to employer. -- When the need for leave is
- 23 known to the employee in advance, the employee shall provide
- 24 written or verbal notice to the employer of the need and
- 25 schedule for taking leave at least 15 days prior to taking it.
- 26 The employee shall make a reasonable effort to schedule leave in
- 27 a manner that does not unduly disrupt the operations of the
- 28 employer. For all other absences, the employee shall notify the
- 29 employer as soon as practicable if the need arises immediately
- 30 before or after the employee has reported for work.

- 1 Section 502. Erroneous payments and disqualification for
- 2 benefits.
- 3 (a) Employee disqualification. -- A covered individual is
- 4 disqualified from receiving benefits for one year if the
- 5 individual is determined by the department to have willfully
- 6 made a false statement or misrepresentation regarding a material
- 7 fact, or willfully failed to report a material fact, to obtain
- 8 benefits under this act.
- 9 (b) Erroneous payment of benefits.--If benefits are paid
- 10 erroneously or as a result of willful misrepresentation, or if a
- 11 claim is subsequently rejected after benefits are paid, the
- 12 department may seek repayment of benefits from the recipient.
- 13 Section 503. Elective coverage.
- 14 (a) Self-employed option.--A self-employed person, including
- 15 a sole proprietor, partner or participant in a joint venture,
- 16 may elect coverage under this act for an initial period of not
- 17 less than three years upon meeting all of the following
- 18 requirements:
- 19 (1) Filing a notice of election in writing with the
- department, which will become effective on the date of filing
- 21 the notice.
- 22 (2) Supplying all income information that the department
- deems necessary.
- 24 (3) Compliance with all eligibility, employment and
- income requirements set forth in section 303.
- 26 (b) Withdrawal from coverage. -- A self-employed person who
- 27 has elected coverage may withdraw from coverage within 30 days
- 28 after the end of the three-year period of coverage, or at other
- 29 times as the department may prescribe. Upon filing written
- 30 notice with the department, the self-employed person's

- 1 withdrawal from coverage shall take effect no later than 30 days
- 2 after filing the notice of withdrawal.
- 3 Section 504. Violations.
- An employer who violates the requirements of section 308, 309
- 5 or 501 shall be subject to the penalties set forth in section
- 6 107 of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.
- 7 Section 505. Judicial review.
- 8 Judicial review of any decision regarding the denial of
- 9 benefits or an appeal of any violation of this act shall be
- 10 permitted in a court of competent jurisdiction after a party
- 11 aggrieved thereby has exhausted all administrative remedies
- 12 established by the department.
- 13 Section 506. Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund.
- 14 (a) Fund established. -- The Family and Medical Leave
- 15 Insurance Fund is established as a special nonlapsing fund in
- 16 the State Treasury.
- 17 (b) Deposit of money. -- Money from employee payroll
- 18 contributions paid under section 306 and any financial penalties
- 19 imposed under this act shall be deposited into the account and
- 20 used by the department for the administration of the program and
- 21 the payment of benefits to covered individuals.
- 22 (c) Continuing appropriation. -- All money deposited in the
- 23 fund and all interest accrued is appropriated to the department
- 24 on a continuing basis to provide benefits under this act.
- 25 (d) Limitations on fund.--
- 26 (1) No administrative action shall prevent the deposit
- of money into the fund in the fiscal year in which the money
- is received.
- 29 (2) The fund may only be used for the program authorized
- 30 under this act. Money in the fund cannot be transferred or

- diverted to any other purpose by administrative action.
- 2 (e) Other deposits. -- The department may deposit into the
- 3 fund any other funds received for the purposes set forth in this
- 4 act.
- 5 Section 507. Annual report.
- 6 (a) Annual report. -- Beginning in 2023, and each year
- 7 thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the chair
- 8 and minority chair of the Labor and Industry Committee of the
- 9 Senate and to the chair and minority chair of the Labor and
- 10 Industry Committee of the House of Representatives no later than
- 11 September 1 that includes:
- 12 (1) Actual program participation by category as
- delineated in paragraph (2), including total number of leaves
- 14 taken.
- 15 (2) Beneficiary gender for leaves taken.
- 16 (3) Types of family members for whom leave was taken to
- 17 provide care.
- 18 (4) Premium rate calculations for the current and
- 19 previous calendar year and projected rate calculations for
- 20 the next three calendar years.
- 21 (5) Projected program participation over the next three
- 22 calendar years.
- 23 (6) Account balances.
- 24 (7) The scope and success of outreach efforts.
- 25 (8) Recommendations for improvements to the program.
- 26 (b) Public posting of annual report. -- The department shall
- 27 make the report available on its publicly accessible Internet
- 28 website. Monthly data should also be made available online.
- 29 Section 508. Public education.
- 30 (a) Outreach campaign. -- The department shall conduct a

- 1 public education campaign to inform workers and employers
- 2 regarding the availability of family and medical leave benefits
- 3 under this act. The department may allocate at least \$500,000 of
- 4 the money collected for the program in a given year to pay for
- 5 the public education program. Outreach information shall be
- 6 available in English, Spanish and other languages as determined
- 7 by the department.
- 8 (b) Community outreach. -- The department may utilize outreach
- 9 money to identify and assist appropriate community organizations
- 10 in educating hard-to-reach populations or industries, including
- 11 low-income workers, workers and employers in industries that do
- 12 not typically provide paid family leave and workers and
- 13 employers whose primary language is not English.
- 14 Section 509. Regulations.
- The department shall promulgate regulations as necessary to
- 16 implement and administer this act. Final form regulations shall
- 17 be promulgated no later than September 1, 2021.
- 18 CHAPTER 21
- 19 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
- 20 Section 2101. Effective date.
- 21 This act shall take effect in 180 days.