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AN ACT

1 Providing for the right for employees to paid sick leave from
2 employers and for civil penalties and remedies.

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6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Short title.

9 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Healthy
10 Families and Workplaces Act.

11 Section 2. Scope of act.

12 This act relates to promoting healthy families and workplaces
13 by establishing an earned paid sick time policy in this
14 Commonwealth in order to:

15 (1) Ensure that all workers in this Commonwealth can
16 address their own health and safety needs and the health and
17 safety needs of their families by requiring employers to
18 provide a minimum level of earned paid sick time, including
19 time to care for their family members.

20 (2) Diminish public and private health care costs and
21 promote preventive health services in this Commonwealth by
22 enabling workers to seek early and routine medical care for
23 themselves and their family members.

24 (3) Protect the public's health in this Commonwealth by
25 reducing the risk of contagion.

26 (4) Promote the economic security and stability of
27 workers and their families.

28 (5) Protect employees in this Commonwealth from losing
29 their jobs or facing workplace discipline when they use the
30 paid sick time they earn to care for themselves or their

1 families.

2 (6) Assist victims of domestic violence and their family
3 members by providing them job-protected time away from work
4 to receive treatment and take the necessary steps to ensure
5 their safety.

6 (7) Safeguard the public welfare, health, safety and
7 prosperity of the people of this Commonwealth.

8 (8) Accomplish the purposes described in this section in
9 a manner that is feasible for employers.

10 Section 3. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Department." The Department of Labor and Industry of the
15 Commonwealth.

16 "Earned paid sick time." Time that an employee is
17 compensated for at the same hourly rate and with the same
18 benefits, including health care benefits, as the employee
19 normally earns during hours worked and is provided by the
20 employer to the employee for the purposes described in section
21 5.

22 "Employee." An individual who works part time or full time
23 for an employer or who is under the direction of an employer or
24 a subcontractor of an employer for wages, salary or remuneration
25 of any type under contract or subcontract of employment. The
26 term does not include an individual who is subject to the
27 provisions of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act of 1938
28 (45 U.S.C. § 351 et seq.).

29 "Employer." A person, including an agent of a person, that
30 engages the services of an employee for wages, salary or

1 remuneration of any type under contract or subcontract of
2 employment. The term does not include the Federal Government.

3 "Family member." Any of the following with respect to an
4 employee:

5 (1) Regardless of age, a biological, adopted or foster
6 child, stepchild or legal ward, a child of a domestic
7 partner, a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis
8 or an individual to whom the employee stood in loco parentis
9 when the individual was a minor.

10 (2) A biological, foster, stepparent or adoptive parent
11 or legal guardian of the employee or the employee's spouse or
12 domestic partner or an individual who stood in loco parentis
13 when the employee or employee's spouse or domestic partner
14 was a minor child.

15 (3) An individual to whom the employee is legally
16 married under the laws of a state or a domestic partner of an
17 employee as registered under the laws of a state or political
18 subdivision.

19 (4) A grandparent, grandchild or sibling, whether of a
20 biological, foster, adoptive or step relationship, of the
21 employee or the employee's spouse or domestic partner.

22 (5) Any other individual related by blood.

23 (6) Any other individual whose close association with
24 the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.

25 "Health care provider." An individual licensed under Federal
26 or State law to provide medical or emergency services, including
27 a doctor, nurse, certified nurse midwife and emergency room
28 personnel.

29 "Minimum Wage Act." The act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11,
30 No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968.

1 "Municipality." A city, borough, incorporated town or
2 township. The term includes a municipality operating under 53
3 Pa.C.S. Pt. III Subpt. E (relating to home rule and optional
4 plan government).

5 "Retaliatory personnel action." Any of the following:

6 (1) A denial of a right guaranteed under this act.

7 (2) A threat, discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction
8 of hours, reporting or threatening to report an employee's
9 suspected citizenship or immigration status or the suspected
10 citizenship or immigration status of a family member of the
11 employee to a Federal, State or local agency.

12 (3) Any other adverse action against an employee for the
13 exercise of a right guaranteed under this act, including a
14 sanction against an employee who is the recipient of public
15 benefits for rights guaranteed under this act.

16 (4) Interference with or punishment for in any manner
17 participating in or assisting an investigation, proceeding or
18 hearing under this act.

19 "Secretary." The Secretary of Labor and Industry of the
20 Commonwealth.

21 "Year." As follows:

22 (1) A regular and consecutive 12-month period as
23 determined by an employer and communicated to its employees.

24 (2) For the purposes of sections 8 and 14, the term
25 means a calendar year.

26 Section 4. Accrual of earned paid sick time.

27 (a) General rule.--An employee shall accrue a minimum of one
28 hour of earned paid sick time for every 30 hours worked,
29 beginning at the commencement of employment or on the date this
30 act goes into effect, whichever is later.

1 (b) Exemption.--An employee who is exempt from overtime
2 requirements of section 5 of the Minimum Wage Act as an
3 administrative, executive or professional employee shall be
4 deemed to work 40 hours per workweek for purposes of this act
5 unless the employee's normal workweek is less than 40 hours, in
6 which case the employee shall accrue earned paid sick time based
7 upon that normal workweek.

8 (c) Limit.--An employer may limit an employee's use of
9 earned paid sick time to 80 hours in each year.

10 (d) Carry over.--

11 (1) An employer shall carry over earned paid sick time
12 to the following year.

13 (2) In lieu of carryover of unused earned paid sick time
14 from one year to the next under paragraph (1), an employer
15 may pay an employee for unused earned paid sick time at the
16 end of a year and provide the employee with an amount of paid
17 sick time that meets or exceeds the requirements of this act
18 that is available for the employee's immediate use at the
19 beginning of the subsequent year.

20 (e) Distribution of leave.--An employer may:

21 (1) Provide the full amount of earned paid sick time an
22 employee is expected to earn in the year to the employee at
23 the beginning of the year.

24 (2) Lend earned paid sick time to an employee in advance
25 of accrual, documenting that loan.

26 (f) Additional time not required.--

27 (1) An employer is not required to provide additional
28 paid sick time if the employer provides a paid leave policy
29 or paid time off policy that makes an amount of leave
30 available that is sufficient to meet the accrual, carryover

1 and use requirements of this act.

2 (2) The leave or time off provided under the employer's
3 paid leave policy or paid time off policy may be used to
4 satisfy the earned paid sick time requirements of this act.

5 (3) When used to satisfy the requirements of this act,
6 the leave shall be used for the same purposes, under the same
7 conditions, and with the same protections as earned paid sick
8 time under this act.

9 Section 5. Use of earned paid sick time.

10 (a) General rule.--An employer shall provide earned paid
11 sick time to an employee for:

12 (1) The employee's:

13 (i) mental or physical illness, injury or health
14 condition;

15 (ii) need for medical diagnosis, care or treatment
16 of a mental or physical illness, injury or health
17 condition; or

18 (iii) need for preventive medical care.

19 (2) Care of a family member:

20 (i) with a mental or physical illness, injury or
21 health condition;

22 (ii) who needs medical diagnosis, care or treatment
23 of a mental or physical illness, injury or health
24 condition;

25 (iii) who needs preventive medical care; or

26 (iv) where, in the case of a child, the employee
27 must attend a school meeting or a meeting at a place
28 where the child receives care necessitated by the child's
29 health condition or disability or emotional difficulties
30 caused by an act of abuse or sexual violence as defined

1 in paragraph (6).

2 (3) Closure of the employee's place of business by order
3 of a public official due to a public health emergency.

4 (4) The employee's need to care for a child whose school
5 or place of care has been closed by order of a public
6 official due to a public health emergency.

7 (5) The employee's need to care for oneself or a family
8 member when it has been determined by a health authority
9 having jurisdiction, a health care provider or the employer
10 of the employee or employee's family member, that the
11 employee's or family member's presence in the community may
12 jeopardize the health of others because of the employee's or
13 family member's exposure to a communicable disease, whether
14 or not the employee or family member has actually contracted
15 the communicable disease.

16 (6) The employee's inability to work or telework because
17 the employee is:

18 (i) prohibited from working by the employer due to
19 health concerns related to the potential transmission of
20 a communicable illness related to the public health
21 emergency; or

22 (ii) seeking or awaiting the results of a diagnostic
23 test for, or a medical diagnosis of, the communicable
24 illness related to a public emergency and the employee
25 has been exposed to the communicable illness or the
26 employee's employer has requested the test or diagnosis.

27 (7) Absence necessary due to an act of abuse as defined
28 in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6102(a) (relating to definitions), sexual
29 violence as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. § 62A03 (relating to
30 definitions) or an act of domestic or other violence as

1 defined in 55 Pa. Code § 3042.3 (relating to definitions), if
2 the leave is for the purpose of allowing the employee to
3 obtain for the employee or the employee's family member:

4 (i) Diagnosis, treatment, care or other assistance
5 for a physical, mental or emotional injury or other
6 medical attention needed to recover from a physical or
7 psychological injury or disability caused by abuse or
8 sexual violence.

9 (ii) Services from a victim services organization.

10 (iii) Psychological or other counseling.

11 (iv) Relocation or taking steps to secure an
12 existing home due to the abuse or sexual violence.

13 (v) Legal services, including preparing for or
14 participating in a civil or criminal legal proceeding,
15 related to or resulting from the abuse or sexual
16 violence.

17 (b) Request for time.--An employer shall provide, at the
18 request of an employee, earned paid sick time. The request may
19 be made orally, in writing, by electronic means or by any other
20 means acceptable to the employer. When possible, the request
21 shall include the expected duration of the absence.

22 (c) Good faith effort by employee.--

23 (1) If the use of earned paid sick time is foreseeable,
24 the employee shall make:

25 (i) a good faith effort to provide notice of the
26 need for time to the employer in advance of the use of
27 the earned paid sick time; and

28 (ii) a reasonable effort to schedule the use of
29 earned paid sick time in a manner that does not unduly
30 disrupt the operations of the employer.

1 (2) If the use of earned paid sick time is not
2 foreseeable, the employee shall provide written or verbal
3 notice of the need for the leave to the employer as soon as
4 practicable.

5 (d) Policy.--An employer that requires specific notice of
6 the use of earned paid sick time shall provide a written policy
7 that contains procedures for the employee to provide notice. An
8 employer that has not provided to the employee a copy of its
9 written policy for providing specific notice may not deny earned
10 paid sick time to the employee based on noncompliance with the
11 policy.

12 (e) Coverage.--An employer may not require, as a condition
13 of an employee's taking earned paid sick time, that the employee
14 search for or find a replacement worker to cover the hours or
15 days during which the employee uses earned paid sick time.

16 (f) Increments.--Earned paid sick time may be used in the
17 smaller of hourly increments or the smallest increment that the
18 employer's payroll system uses to account for absences or use of
19 other time.

20 (g) Documentation.--

21 (1) For earned paid sick time of three or more
22 consecutive work days, an employer may require reasonable
23 documentation that the earned paid sick time has been used
24 for a purpose covered by this subsection.

25 (2) Documentation signed by a health care professional
26 indicating that earned paid sick time is necessary shall be
27 considered reasonable documentation for purposes of this
28 section.

29 (3) In a case of abuse or sexual violence any of the
30 following types of documentation shall be considered

1 reasonable documentation:

2 (i) A police report indicating that the employee or
3 the employee's family member was a victim of abuse or
4 sexual violence.

5 (ii) A signed statement from a victim and witness
6 advocate affirming that the employee or employee's family
7 member is receiving services from a victim services
8 organization.

9 (iii) A court document indicating that the employee
10 or employee's family member is involved in legal action
11 related to abuse or sexual violence.

12 (iv) An employer may not require that the
13 documentation explain the nature of the illness or the
14 details of the violence.

15 (h) Cost of documentation.--

16 (1) If an employer chooses to require documentation for
17 earned paid sick time and the employer does not offer health
18 insurance to an employee, the employer shall pay all out-of-
19 pocket expenses the employee incurs in obtaining the
20 documentation.

21 (2) If an employee has health insurance, the employer
22 shall pay costs charged to the employee by the health care
23 provider for providing the specific documentation required by
24 the employer.

25 (3) An employer shall pay costs charged to an employee
26 for documentation of abuse or sexual violence required by the
27 employer.

28 Section 6. Payment of earned sick time.

29 (a) Calculation.--

30 (1) Earned paid sick time may not be compensated at an

1 hourly amount less than that provided under 29 U.S.C. §
2 206(a)(1) (relating to minimum wage), The Minimum Wage Act or
3 a higher amount if a higher amount is enacted for employees
4 in this Commonwealth, whichever is greater.

5 (2) If an employee, in the 90 days of employment before
6 using accrued sick leave, had different hourly pay rates, was
7 paid by commission or piece rate or was a nonexempt salaried
8 employee, the rate of pay shall be calculated by dividing the
9 employee's total wages, not including overtime premium pay,
10 by the total number of hours worked in the full pay periods
11 of the prior 90 days of employment.

12 (b) Payment.--An employer shall provide payment for earned
13 paid sick time used by an employee no later than the payday for
14 the next regular payroll period after the earned paid sick time
15 was used.

16 (c) Reimbursement.--Nothing in this section shall be
17 construed as requiring financial or other reimbursement to an
18 employee from an employer upon the employee's termination,
19 resignation, retirement or other separation from employment for
20 accrued earned paid sick time that has not been used unless
21 otherwise required by law or collective bargaining agreement.

22 (d) Transfer.--If an employee is transferred to a separate
23 division, entity or location, but remains employed by the same
24 employer, the employee is entitled to:

25 (1) all earned paid sick time accrued at the prior
26 division, entity or location; and

27 (2) use all earned paid sick time as provided in this
28 section.

29 (e) Separation.--

30 (1) If there is a separation from employment and the

1 employee is rehired within 12 months of separation by the
2 same employer, the employer shall reinstate previously
3 accrued earned paid sick time that had not been used.

4 (2) The employee shall be entitled to use accrued earned
5 paid sick time and accrue additional earned paid sick time at
6 the recommencement of employment.

7 (f) Succession or takeover.--If a different employer
8 succeeds or takes the place of an existing employer, all
9 employees of the original employer who remain employed by the
10 successor employer are entitled to:

11 (1) all earned paid sick time they accrued when employed
12 by the original employer; and

13 (2) use earned paid sick time previously accrued.

14 Section 7. Notice and posting.

15 (a) Duty of employer.--

16 (1) An employer shall give an employee written notice of
17 the following at the commencement of employment:

18 (i) Entitlement to earned paid sick time and the
19 amount of earned paid sick time.

20 (ii) The terms of use of earned paid sick time
21 guaranteed under this act.

22 (iii) Retaliatory personnel action against an
23 employee who requests or uses earned paid sick time is
24 prohibited by law.

25 (iv) The right to file a complaint or bring a civil
26 action if earned paid sick time as required by this act
27 is denied by the employer or the employee is subjected to
28 retaliatory personnel action for requesting or taking
29 earned paid sick time.

30 (v) The contact information for the department where

1 questions about rights and responsibilities under this
2 act can be answered.

3 (2) The department may impose penalties on an employer
4 that fails to provide notice in accordance with this
5 subsection.

6 (b) Display.--An employer shall display a poster, developed
7 by the department, in a conspicuous place within each workplace
8 of the employer, that states all of the following:

9 (1) An employee is entitled to accrue, request and use
10 earned paid sick time provided under this act.

11 (2) The amount of earned paid sick time provided under
12 this act.

13 (3) The terms of use of earned paid sick time.

14 (4) Retaliatory personnel actions or discrimination
15 against an employee who requests earned paid sick time or
16 uses earned paid sick time, or both, is prohibited and that
17 an employee has the right under law to file a complaint with
18 the department against an employer that retaliates or
19 discriminates against the employee.

20 (c) Information on paycheck.--The amount of earned paid sick
21 time available to an employee, the amount of earned paid sick
22 time taken by an employee to date in the year and the amount of
23 pay an employee has received as earned paid sick time, shall be
24 recorded in, or on an attachment to, the employee's regular
25 paycheck.

26 Section 8. Employer records.

27 (a) Duty of employer.--An employer shall retain records
28 documenting hours worked by an employee and earned paid sick
29 time taken by an employee for a period of three years, and shall
30 allow the department access to the records, with appropriate

1 notice and at a mutually agreeable time, to monitor compliance
2 with the requirements of this act.

3 (b) Presumption.--If an issue arises as to an employee's
4 entitlement to earned paid sick time under this section and the
5 employer has not maintained or retained adequate records
6 documenting hours worked by the employee and earned paid sick
7 time taken by the employee, or does not allow the department
8 reasonable access to the records, it shall be presumed that the
9 employer has violated this act, absent clear and convincing
10 evidence otherwise.

11 Section 9. Regulations.

12 The department may promulgate rules and regulations to
13 administer and enforce this act.

14 Section 10. Confidentiality and nondisclosure.

15 (a) Prohibition.--An employer may not require disclosure of
16 details relating to abuse or sexual violence or the details of
17 an employee's or an employee's family member's health
18 information as a condition of providing earned paid sick time
19 under this act.

20 (b) Duty of employer.--If an employer possesses health
21 information or information pertaining to abuse or sexual
22 violence about an employee or employee's family member, the
23 employer shall treat the information as confidential and may not
24 disclose the information, except to the affected employee or
25 with the permission of the affected employee.

26 Section 11. Other legal requirements.

27 This act provides minimum requirements pertaining to earned
28 paid sick time and shall not be construed to preempt, limit or
29 otherwise affect the applicability of any other law, regulation,
30 requirement, policy or standard that:

1 (1) provides greater accrual or use by an employee of
2 earned paid sick time; or

3 (2) extends other protections to an employee.

4 Section 12. Exercise of rights protected and retaliation
5 prohibited.

6 The following apply:

7 (1) An employer or other person may not interfere with,
8 restrain or deny the exercise of or the attempt to exercise a
9 right protected under this act.

10 (2) An employer may not take retaliatory personnel
11 action or discriminate against an employee or former employee
12 because the individual has exercised a right protected under
13 this act, including:

14 (i) The right to request or use earned paid sick
15 time as provided under this act.

16 (ii) The right to file a complaint with the
17 department or court or inform an individual about an
18 employer's alleged violation of this act.

19 (iii) The right to participate in an investigation,
20 hearing or proceeding or cooperate with or assist the
21 department in the department's investigation of an
22 alleged violation of this act.

23 (iv) The right to inform an individual of the
24 individual's rights under this act.

25 (3) An employer may not establish or enforce an absence
26 control policy to count earned paid sick time taken under
27 this act as an absence that leads to or results in
28 discipline, discharge, demotion, suspension or other adverse
29 action against an employee.

30 (4) This section shall apply to an individual who, in

1 good faith, alleges a violation of this act.

2 (5) There shall be a rebuttable presumption of unlawful
3 retaliatory personnel action under this section if an
4 employer takes adverse action against an individual within 90
5 days of when the individual:

6 (i) files a complaint with the department or a court
7 alleging a violation of this act;

8 (ii) informs a person about the employer's alleged
9 violation of this act;

10 (iii) cooperates with the department or a person in
11 the investigation or prosecution of an alleged violation
12 of this act;

13 (iv) opposes a policy, practice or act that is
14 unlawful under this act; or

15 (v) informs another individual of the other
16 individual's rights under this act.

17 Section 13. Complaint procedure.

18 An employee may file on a form prescribed by the department a
19 complaint against the employer for an alleged violation of this
20 act. The department shall establish a process by regulation for
21 investigating and resolving a complaint.

22 Section 14. Enforcement.

23 (a) Violation.--An employer who willfully violates the
24 notice and posting provisions of section 7 shall be subject to a
25 penalty, not to exceed \$250 for each offense, to be imposed by
26 the department.

27 (b) Department order.--The department may order an employer
28 who is found to be in violation of this act to do any of the
29 following with respect to an employee:

30 (1) Reinstate the employee with back pay.

1 (2) Pay the employee the amount of sick leave unlawfully
2 withheld.

3 (3) Pay the employee an additional sum in the form of an
4 administrative penalty as follows:

5 (i) If earned paid sick time was unlawfully
6 withheld, the administrative penalty shall be an amount
7 equal to the dollar amount of earned paid sick time
8 unlawfully withheld multiplied by three, or \$250,
9 whichever is greater, not to exceed \$5,000.

10 (ii) If the violation of this act resulted in
11 additional harm to the employee, such as discharge from
12 employment, or otherwise results in a violation of the
13 rights of the employee, the administrative penalty shall
14 include an additional sum of \$500 for each day or portion
15 of a day that the violation occurred or continued, not to
16 exceed \$10,000.

17 (c) Civil action.--The secretary, the Attorney General or an
18 employee may bring a civil action in a court of competent
19 jurisdiction against the employer or a person violating this act
20 and, upon prevailing and except as provided under subsection (d)
21 or (e), shall be entitled to collect legal or equitable relief
22 on behalf of the aggrieved as may be appropriate to remedy the
23 violation, including:

24 (1) Reinstatement of the employee with back pay.

25 (2) Payment of earned paid sick time unlawfully
26 withheld.

27 (3) The payment of:

28 (i) An additional sum, not to exceed an aggregate
29 penalty of \$5,000, as liquidated damages in the amount of
30 \$50 to each employee or individual whose rights under

1 this act were violated for each day or portion of a day
2 that the violation occurred or continued.

3 (ii) If the employer unlawfully withheld earned paid
4 sick time to the employee, the dollar amount of paid sick
5 days withheld from the employee multiplied by three or
6 \$250, whichever amount is greater.

7 (4) Injunctive relief.

8 (5) Reasonable attorney fees and costs.

9 (d) Limitation on damages.--The secretary, the Attorney
10 General or an employee enforcing this act on behalf of the
11 public shall, upon prevailing, be entitled only to equitable,
12 injunctive or restitutionary relief and reasonable attorney fees
13 and costs.

14 (e) Error.--

15 (1) An employer may not be assessed a penalty or
16 liquidated damages under this section due to an isolated and
17 unintentional payroll error or written notice error that is a
18 clerical or an inadvertent mistake regarding the accrual or
19 available use of earned paid sick time.

20 (2) In a review under this subsection, consideration may
21 be given to whether the employer, prior to an alleged
22 violation, has adopted and is in compliance with a set of
23 policies, procedures and practices that fully comply with
24 this act.

25 (f) Interest.--In an administrative or civil action brought
26 under this section, the secretary or a court shall award
27 interest on each amount due and unpaid calculated in accordance
28 with law.

29 (g) Penalties cumulative.--The remedies, penalties and
30 procedures provided under this section shall be cumulative.

1 (h) Applicability.--This section shall only apply within two
2 years from the date that an employee became aware of an alleged
3 violation of this act.

4 Section 15. Construction.

5 This act:

6 (1) May not be construed to invalidate an ordinance or
7 other mandate enacted by a municipality prior to the
8 effective date of this paragraph that requires employers
9 within the municipality to provide paid sick leave benefits
10 more generous than those contained under this act.

11 (2) May not be construed to prohibit a municipality from
12 enacting an ordinance or mandate that requires employers
13 within the municipality to provide paid sick leave benefits
14 more generous than those contained under this act.

15 (3) May not be construed to discourage or prohibit an
16 employer from the adoption or retention of an earned paid
17 sick time policy more generous than that contained in this
18 act or an ordinance adopted by a municipality under paragraph
19 (1) or (2).

20 (4) May not preempt or otherwise apply to an ordinance
21 or mandate enacted by a municipality affecting vacation,
22 public health emergency leave or other form of leave offered
23 by an employer within the municipality.

24 (5) May not be construed to mandate a municipality to
25 adopt an ordinance applicable to an employer within the
26 municipality relating to compensation, vacation or other
27 forms of leave from employment.

28 (6) May not limit or affect any Federal, State or local
29 law guaranteeing privacy of health information or information
30 related to domestic violence or sexual assault regarding an

1 employee or employee's family member.

2 (7) May not relieve or lessen the obligation of an
3 employer to comply with a contract, collective bargaining
4 agreement, employment benefit plan or other agreement in
5 effect on the effective date of this paragraph that provides
6 more paid sick leave to an employee than that required by
7 this act or an ordinance adopted by a municipality under
8 paragraph (1) or (2).

9 (8) May not be construed to remove the contents of this
10 act from the scope of collective bargaining under:

11 (i) the act of June 1, 1937 (P.L.1168, No.294),
12 known as the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Act;

13 (ii) the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14),
14 known as the Public School Code of 1949;

15 (iii) the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111),
16 referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective
17 Bargaining Act; or

18 (iv) the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195),
19 known as the Public Employe Relations Act.

20 (9) May not preempt, limit or affect the applicability
21 of any other law, regulation, requirement, policy or standard
22 providing for equal or greater accrual or use of paid or
23 unpaid earned sick time or that extends other protections to
24 an employee.

25 (10) May not supersede or preempt the rights, remedies
26 and procedures afforded to school employees or labor
27 organizations under Federal or State law, including the
28 Public Employe Relations Act.

29 (11) Shall be in addition to and independent of any
30 other right, remedy or procedure available under any other

1 law and shall not be construed to diminish, alter or negate
2 any other legal right, remedy or procedure available to an
3 aggrieved individual.

4 Section 16. Public education and outreach.

5 The department shall develop and implement a multilingual
6 outreach program to inform employees, parents and individuals
7 who are under the care of a health care provider about the
8 availability of earned paid sick time under this act. The
9 department shall distribute notices and other written materials
10 about the program in English and any language that is the first
11 language spoken by at least 5% of this Commonwealth's population
12 to all child-care and elder-care providers, domestic violence
13 shelters, schools, hospitals, community health centers and other
14 health care providers.

15 Section 17. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect in 180 days.