

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1121

By: Thompson (Roger), Hall, and  
Newhouse of the Senate

3 and

4 Wallace, Martinez, Deck,  
5 McBride, and Baker of the  
6 House

7 An Act relating to education employees; entitling  
8 certain full-time employees who have worked for a  
9 certain amount of time to certain amount of paid  
10 maternity leave; directing maternity leave be in  
11 addition to certain sick leave; prohibiting employee  
12 on maternity leave from being deprived of certain  
13 compensation or benefits; directing the Legislature  
14 to appropriate adequate funding to provide paid  
15 maternity leave to certain school employees;  
16 providing for allocation of funds if certain  
17 appropriation is not made; providing for promulgation  
18 of rules; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-104.1,  
19 which relates to leave without pay for teachers;  
20 updating statutory reference; allowing maternity  
21 leave in addition to certain sick leave and extended  
22 leave; updating statutory language; amending 70 O.S.  
23 2021, Section 6-104.5, which relates to pay  
24 deductions for certain leave; adding statutory  
reference; allowing certain deductions after  
exhausting certain sick leave and maternity leave;  
amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-104.6, which relates  
to establishment of leave sharing programs; allowing  
certain district employees to participate in certain  
shared leave after exhausting maternity leave;  
requiring maternity leave and sick leave to be used  
prior to shared sick leave; making language gender  
neutral; amending 10A O.S. 2021, Section 2-7-202, as  
last amended by Section 1 of Enrolled House Bill No.  
1842 of the 1st Session of the 59th Oklahoma  
Legislature, which relates to duties of the Office of  
Juvenile Affairs; entitling certain eligible  
employees to paid maternity leave; amending 57 O.S.  
2021, Section 510.6a, which relates to salaries for  
correctional teachers; updating statutory language;  
updating statutory reference; entitling certain

1 eligible employees to paid maternity leave; creating  
2 the Public School Paid Maternity Leave Revolving  
3 Fund; specifying source of fund; providing for  
4 expenditures; providing purpose of fund; creating the  
5 Education Employee Paid Maternity Leave Revolving  
6 Fund; specifying source of fund; providing for  
7 expenditures; providing purpose of fund; providing  
8 for codification; providing an effective date; and  
9 declaring an emergency.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-104.8 of Title 70, unless  
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. 1. Full-time employees of a public school district in this  
15 state who have been employed by the school district for at least one  
16 year and have worked at least one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250)  
17 hours during the preceding twelve-month period;

18 2. Persons employed full time as classroom instructional  
19 employees of technology center school districts supervised by the  
20 State Board of Career and Technology Education who have been  
21 employed by the technology center school district for at least one  
22 year and have worked at least one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250)  
23 hours during the preceding twelve-month period;

24 3. Persons employed as teachers by the State Department of  
Rehabilitation Services who have been employed by the State  
Department of Rehabilitation Services for at least one year and have

1 worked at least one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) hours during  
2 the preceding twelve-month period;

3 4. Persons employed full time as correctional teachers or  
4 vocational instructors by the Department of Corrections pursuant to  
5 Section 510.6a of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes who have been  
6 employed by a Department of Corrections facility for at least one  
7 year and have worked at least one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250)  
8 hours during the preceding twelve-month period; and

9 5. Persons employed full time as teachers by the Office of  
10 Juvenile Affairs who have been employed by an Office of Juvenile  
11 Affairs facility for at least one year and have worked at least one  
12 thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) hours during the preceding  
13 twelve-month period,  
14 shall be entitled to six (6) weeks of paid maternity leave following  
15 the birth of the employee's child. The six (6) weeks of paid  
16 maternity leave shall be used immediately following the birth of the  
17 school district employee's child.

18 B. 1. Paid maternity leave provided pursuant to paragraphs 1,  
19 2, and 3 of subsection A of this section shall be in addition to and  
20 not in place of sick leave due to pregnancy, as authorized by  
21 Section 6-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

22 2. Paid maternity leave provided pursuant to paragraph 4 of  
23 subsection A of this section shall be in addition to and not in  
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1 place of sick leave due to pregnancy, as authorized by Section  
2 510.6a of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 3. Paid maternity leave provided pursuant to paragraph 5 of  
4 subsection A of this section shall be in addition to and not in  
5 place of sick leave due to pregnancy, as authorized by Section 2-7-  
6 202 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 C. An employee who takes maternity leave pursuant to the  
8 provisions of subsection A of this section shall not be deprived of  
9 any compensation or other benefits to which the employee is  
10 otherwise entitled.

11 D. Each fiscal year, the Legislature shall appropriate adequate  
12 funding to the Public School Paid Maternity Leave Revolving Fund  
13 created in Section 7 of this act for the purpose of providing paid  
14 maternity leave to eligible school district employees pursuant to  
15 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section. If the Legislature  
16 does not appropriate adequate funding specifically for the purpose  
17 of providing paid maternity leave to school district employees, the  
18 State Board of Education shall allocate from the funds appropriated  
19 to the State Board of Education for the support of public school  
20 activities an amount to fully fund paid maternity leave.

21 E. The State Board of Education, the State Board of Career and  
22 Technology Education, the Commission for Rehabilitation Services,  
23 the State Board of Corrections, and the Board of Juvenile Affairs  
24 may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-104.1, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 6-104.1. After exhausting sick leave and extended leave  
4 pursuant to Sections 6-104 and 6-104.5 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma~~  
5 ~~Statutes~~ this title and maternity leave pursuant to Section 1 of  
6 this act, a full-time teacher who, with the proper approval of the  
7 district board of education, takes not more than ninety (90) school  
8 days of leave without pay to care for the teacher's child during the  
9 first year of the child's life, shall receive full credit for the  
10 days on leave without pay as though the teacher had been on leave  
11 with pay for purposes of computing experience for the minimum  
12 teacher salary schedule. A teacher on leave without pay pursuant to  
13 this section who pays the actuarial cost, as determined by the Board  
14 of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma, shall  
15 have the period during which such leave without pay is taken,  
16 counted toward retirement service credit as though the teacher had  
17 been on leave with pay. The teacher shall notify ~~their~~ his or her  
18 employer and the System in writing within thirty (30) days from the  
19 date he or she returns to service that ~~they~~ he or she will pay such  
20 actuarial cost. The teacher shall have up to twelve (12) months  
21 from the date he or she returns to service to pay such actuarial  
22 cost.

23 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-104.5, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 6-104.5. A. If, after exhausting all sick leave  
2 pursuant to Section 6-104 of this title and maternity leave pursuant  
3 to Section 1 of this act, a teacher is absent from his or her duties  
4 due to personal accidental injury, illness, or pregnancy, the  
5 teacher shall receive for a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days  
6 his or her full contract salary less the amount:

- 7 1. ~~actually~~ Actually paid a certified substitute teacher for  
8 his or her position if a certified substitute teacher is hired; or
- 9 2. ~~normally~~ Normally paid a certified substitute teacher for  
10 his or her position if a certified substitute teacher is not hired.

11 B. The district's plan may provide that the teacher is entitled  
12 to payment for accrued but unused sick leave upon termination of  
13 employment.

14 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-104.6, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 6-104.6. A. The board of education of each school  
17 district may establish a leave sharing program for all district  
18 employees. The program shall permit district employees to donate  
19 sick leave to a fellow district employee who is pregnant or  
20 recovering from childbirth or who is suffering from or has a  
21 relative or household member suffering from an extraordinary or  
22 severe illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition  
23 which has caused or is likely to cause the employee to take leave  
24 without pay or to terminate employment.

1 B. As used in this section:

2 1. "Relative of the employee" means a spouse, child, stepchild,  
3 grandchild, grandparent, stepparent, or parent of the employee;

4 2. "Household members" means those persons who reside in the  
5 same home, who have reciprocal duties to and do provide financial  
6 support for one another. This term shall include foster children  
7 and legal wards even if they do not live in the household. The term  
8 does not include persons sharing the same general house, when the  
9 living style is primarily that of a dormitory or commune;

10 3. "Severe" or "extraordinary" means serious, extreme, or life-  
11 threatening including temporary disability resulting from pregnancy,  
12 miscarriage, childbirth, and recovery therefrom; and

13 4. "District employee" means a teacher or any full-time  
14 employee of the school district.

15 C. A district employee may be eligible to receive shared leave  
16 pursuant to the following conditions:

17 1. The board of education determines that the employee meets  
18 the criteria described in this section; and

19 2. The employee has abided by district policies regarding the  
20 use of sick leave.

21 D. A district employee may donate annual leave to another  
22 district employee only pursuant to the following conditions:

23 1. The receiving employee has exhausted, or will exhaust, ~~only~~  
24 maternity leave granted pursuant to Section 1 of this act or sick

1 leave earned pursuant to Section 6-104 of this title due to  
2 pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth and recovery therefrom, an  
3 illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition, which  
4 is of an extraordinary or severe nature, and involves the employee,  
5 a relative of the employee, or household member;

6 2. The condition has caused, or is likely to cause, the  
7 employee to go on leave without pay or to terminate employment;

8 3. The board of education of the district permits the leave to  
9 be shared with an eligible employee;

10 4. The amount of leave to be donated is within the limits set  
11 by the board of education of the district; and

12 5. District employees may not donate excess sick leave that the  
13 donor would not be able to otherwise take.

14 E. The board of education of each school district shall  
15 determine the amount of donated leave an employee may receive.

16 F. The board of education shall require the employee to submit,  
17 prior to approval or disapproval, a medical certificate from a  
18 licensed physician or health care practitioner verifying the severe  
19 or extraordinary nature and expected duration of the condition.

20 G. Donated sick leave is transferable between employees of  
21 different school districts in the state with the agreement of both  
22 boards of education of each school district.

23 H. The receiving employee shall be paid the regular rate of pay  
24 of the employee. The sick leave received will be designated as



1 shared sick leave and be maintained separately from all other sick  
2 leave balances.

3 I. Any donated sick leave may only be used by the recipient for  
4 the purposes specified in this section.

5 J. ~~Only~~ Maternity leave granted pursuant to Section 1 of this  
6 act and sick leave earned pursuant to Section 6-104 of this title  
7 available for use by the recipient ~~must~~ shall be used prior to using  
8 shared sick leave.

9 K. Any shared sick leave not used by the recipient during each  
10 occurrence as determined by the board of education shall be returned  
11 to the donor. The shared sick leave remaining will be divided among  
12 the donors on a prorated basis based on the original donated value  
13 and returned at its original donor value and reinstated to the  
14 annual leave balance of each donor.

15 L. All donated sick leave ~~must~~ shall be given voluntarily. No  
16 employee shall be coerced, threatened, intimidated, or financially  
17 induced into donating sick leave for purposes of the leave sharing  
18 program.

19 M. In addition to the sick leave sharing program provided for  
20 in this section, the board of education of each school district may  
21 establish a sick leave sharing bank for all district employees. A  
22 district employee may donate sick leave to a common fund which may  
23 be used by any district employee who is eligible to receive shared  
24 leave as set forth in subsection A of this section. The terms and

1 conditions for donation and use of sick leave to a leave sharing  
2 bank shall be subject to the provisions of this section, unless  
3 negotiations, entered into pursuant to Section 509.1 et seq. of this  
4 title, between district employees and the school district establish  
5 terms and conditions for a sick leave sharing bank in excess of  
6 those provided for in this section.

7 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 2-7-202, as  
8 last amended by Section 1 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1842 of the 1st  
9 Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 Section 2-7-202. A. There is hereby created the Office of  
12 Juvenile Affairs which shall be responsible for programs and  
13 services for youthful offenders and juveniles alleged or adjudicated  
14 to be delinquent or in need of supervision. The Executive Director  
15 shall be responsible for established divisions and appointing  
16 Division Directors within the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

17 B. Suitable office space shall be provided by the Office of  
18 Management and Enterprise Services to the Office of Juvenile  
19 Affairs, to the extent necessary for the Office to implement its  
20 jurisdictional duties provided by the Oklahoma Juvenile Code, and  
21 the Office may incur necessary expenses for office rent.

22 C. Effective July 1, 1995, the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall  
23 be a Merit System agency and all employees of the Office of Juvenile  
24 Affairs shall be classified employees who are subject to the

1 Oklahoma Personnel Act and the Merit System of Personnel  
2 Administration, except as otherwise provided by law. Eligible  
3 persons employed as teachers by the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall  
4 be entitled to paid maternity leave as provided for in Section 1 of  
5 this act. Effective June 1, 2020, employees hired for service at  
6 the Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center in Manitou shall be  
7 considered unclassified and employed in a term-limited appointment.  
8 If state services continue at the facility after the designated  
9 term, the employee may be transferred into a non-term-limited  
10 position. Current employees and employees hired prior to June 1,  
11 2020, shall not be subject to this provision.

12 D. Effective July 1, 1995, within its jurisdictional areas of  
13 responsibility, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, acting through the  
14 Executive Director, or persons authorized by law, rule or designated  
15 by the Executive Director to perform such acts, shall have the power  
16 and duty to:

17 1. Advise, consult, cooperate and enter into agreements with  
18 agencies of the state, municipalities and counties, other states and  
19 the federal government, and other persons;

20 2. Enter into agreements for, accept, administer and use,  
21 disburse and administer grants of money, personnel and property from  
22 the federal government or any department or agency thereof, or from  
23 any state or state agency, or from any other source, to promote and  
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1 carry on in this state any program within its jurisdictional area of  
2 responsibility;

3 3. Require the establishment and maintenance of records and  
4 reports;

5 4. Establish a system of training for personnel in order to  
6 assure uniform statewide application of law and rules;

7 5. Enforce the provisions of the Oklahoma Juvenile Code and  
8 rules promulgated thereunder and orders issued pursuant thereto;

9 6. Charge and receive fees pursuant to fee schedules  
10 promulgated by the Board of Juvenile Affairs;

11 7. Conduct studies, research and planning of programs and  
12 functions, pursuant to the authority granted by the Oklahoma  
13 Juvenile Code;

14 8. Enter into interagency agreements;

15 9. Provide administrative and support services to the Board of  
16 Juvenile Affairs as necessary to assist the Board in the performance  
17 of its duties;

18 10. Establish and maintain such facilities and institutions as  
19 are necessary or convenient for the operation of programs for  
20 children under the jurisdiction of the Office of Juvenile Affairs;

21 11. Lease, from time to time, any real property which the Board  
22 of Juvenile Affairs shall determine advisable to more fully carry  
23 into effect the operation of the Office of Juvenile Affairs in  
24 accordance with applicable state statutes. All such leases for real

1 property shall be subject to the provisions of Section 63 of Title  
2 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3 12. Purchase or lease any equipment, supplies or materials  
4 pursuant to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act;

5 13. Contract for professional services;

6 14. Acquire, construct, extend, and operate any and all  
7 facilities of all kinds which in the judgment of the Executive  
8 Director and the approval of the Legislature shall be necessary or  
9 convenient to carry out the duties of the Office of Juvenile  
10 Affairs, as authorized by law;

11 15. Establish an employee recruitment and referral incentive  
12 program and promulgate internal agency policy for the operation of  
13 the program, which may include, but shall not be limited to, program  
14 purposes, pay incentives for employees, eligibility requirements,  
15 payment conditions and amounts, payment methods, payment recoupment,  
16 and record keeping; and

17 16. Exercise all incidental powers which are necessary and  
18 proper to implement and administer the purposes of the Oklahoma  
19 Juvenile Code.

20 E. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall maintain a fair, simple  
21 and expeditious system for resolution of grievances of all persons  
22 committed to the Office of Juvenile Affairs regarding the substance  
23 or application of any written or unwritten policy, rule of the Board  
24 of Juvenile Affairs or of an agent or contractor of the Office of

1 Juvenile Affairs or any decision, behavior or action by an employee,  
2 agent or contractor or by any other person committed to the Office  
3 of Juvenile Affairs.

4 F. Effective November 1, 2012, the Office of Juvenile Affairs  
5 shall establish a system of certification in accordance with the  
6 Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act for the shelters  
7 managed and operated by the Department of Human Services pursuant to  
8 the requirements of Section 1-9-111 of this title. The Office of  
9 Juvenile Affairs shall certify shelters pursuant to the requirements  
10 of existing rules as established by the Oklahoma Commission on  
11 Children and Youth until such time the Office of Juvenile Affairs  
12 has promulgated rules for the certification of shelters.

13 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 510.6a, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 510.6a. A. Persons certified to teach in ~~the State of~~  
16 ~~Oklahoma~~ this state and meeting all minimum qualifications set by  
17 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, who are hired or  
18 employed as ~~Correctional Teachers~~ correctional teachers or  
19 ~~Vocational Instructors~~ vocational instructors by the Department of  
20 Corrections educational program, shall receive in salary the minimum  
21 amounts specified in ~~Section 18-114.12 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma~~  
22 ~~Statutes~~ Section 1 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1119 of the 1st  
23 Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature multiplied by a factor of  
24 1.20. Correctional ~~Teachers~~ teachers serving as lead workers with

1 supervisory responsibilities shall receive the minimum amounts  
2 specified above multiplied by a factor of 1.25. Correctional  
3 ~~Teachers~~ teachers who have a special education certificate shall  
4 receive salary of an additional five percent (5%). Correctional  
5 ~~Teachers~~ teachers shall receive the benefits set forth in Sections  
6 1370 and 1707 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided,  
7 however, ~~Correctional Teachers~~ correctional teachers shall not be  
8 eligible for longevity payments pursuant to Section 840-2.18 of  
9 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Eligible persons employed as  
10 correctional teachers or vocational instructors by the Department of  
11 Corrections shall be entitled to paid maternity leave as provided  
12 for in Section 1 of this act.

13 B. Persons employed by the Department of Corrections school  
14 system as nonteaching administrators shall be in the unclassified  
15 service and shall not be placed under the classified service;  
16 however, any classified employee occupying an administrative  
17 position prior to July 1, 2000, shall retain the right to remain in  
18 the classified service. At such time as such position becomes  
19 vacant, it shall be placed in the unclassified service.

20 C. Except as provided by this section of law, the employment of  
21 persons by the Department of Corrections educational program as  
22 teachers or administrators shall be entirely governed by the  
23 provisions of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and any other laws  
24 or rules regarding state employees and their employment; however, no

1 Department of Corrections ~~Correctional Teacher~~ correctional teacher  
2 or ~~Vocational Instructor~~ vocational instructor, whose salary is  
3 calculated in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall  
4 be entitled to receive any pay increases for state employees  
5 authorized elsewhere in statute, rule, or law. Correctional  
6 ~~Teachers~~ teachers or ~~Vocational Instructors~~ vocational instructors  
7 shall receive any legislated pay increases granted in addition to  
8 the Title 70 minimum salary schedule; provided, such increases are  
9 given to all common education/vocational technical teachers.

10 D. The salaries for all ~~Correctional Teachers~~ correctional  
11 teachers and ~~Vocational Instructors~~ vocational instructors shall be  
12 adjusted annually on July 1 unless legislation authorizes a pay  
13 raise for educators with an implementation date other than July 1,  
14 in which case the annual adjustment shall occur on the date of the  
15 pay raise implementation.

16 E. The monthly salaries of ~~Correctional Teachers~~ correctional  
17 teachers and ~~Vocational Instructors~~ vocational instructors employed  
18 by the Department of Corrections on the effective date of this act  
19 will be adjusted according to the procedures authorized in  
20 subsection A of this section on the first day of the month following  
21 the effective date of this act. Longevity payments will be  
22 eliminated in the month following the effective date of this act for  
23 ~~Correctional Teachers~~ correctional teachers and ~~Vocational~~  
24 ~~Instructors~~ vocational instructors whose salaries are calculated



1 according to the provisions of this section. The salaries of the  
2 employees governed by this section who are employed on the effective  
3 date of this act will be recalculated. The recalculation will be  
4 based on the provisions of subsection A of this section for actual  
5 time employed as a Department of Corrections ~~Correctional Teacher~~  
6 correctional teacher or ~~Vocational Instructor~~ vocational instructor  
7 between July 1, 2004, and the last day of the month in which this  
8 act becomes effective. Authorized employees will receive a one-time  
9 payment equal to the difference between the recalculated salary  
10 amount and the compensation received.

11 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-104.9 of Title 70, unless  
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
15 fund for the State Board of Education to be designated the "Public  
16 School Paid Maternity Leave Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
17 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
18 consist of all monies received by the State Board of Education from  
19 state appropriations. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund  
20 are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the  
21 State Board of Education for the purpose of reimbursing school  
22 districts for expenses related to providing paid maternity leave as  
23 provided for in subsection B of this section. Expenditures from the  
24 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer

1 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the  
2 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
3 payment.

4 B. School districts in this state shall file claims with the  
5 State Board of Education for reimbursement of expenses related to  
6 providing eligible employees with paid maternity leave as provided  
7 for in Section 1 of this act.

8 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-104.10 of Title 70, unless  
10 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
12 fund for the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to be  
13 designated the "Education Employee Paid Maternity Leave Revolving  
14 Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal  
15 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the  
16 Office of Management and Enterprise Services from state  
17 appropriations. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are  
18 hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Office  
19 of Management and Enterprise Services for the purpose of reimbursing  
20 agencies for expenses related to providing paid maternity leave as  
21 provided for in subsection B of this section. Expenditures from the  
22 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer  
23 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the  
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1 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
2 payment.

3 B. The Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education,  
4 State Department of Rehabilitation Services, the Department of  
5 Corrections, and the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall file claims  
6 with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
7 Services for reimbursement of expenses related to providing eligible  
8 employees with paid maternity leave as provided for in Section 1 of  
9 this act.

10 SECTION 9. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

11 SECTION 10. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
12 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

15 Passed the Senate the 17th day of May, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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19 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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