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SENATE BILL No. 253

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Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Study of voluntary paid family and medical leave. Urges the legislative council to assign the topic of establishing a voluntary paid family and medical leave program to the interim study committee on employment and labor or another appropriate study committee.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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January 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor. February 2, 2017, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning labor and safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017] (a) As used in this SECTION, "commission for women" refers to the Indiana commission for women established by IC 4-23-25-3.

(b) As used in this SECTION, "employment and labor committee" refers to the interim study committee on employment and labor established by IC 2-5-1.3-4.

(c) The general assembly urges the legislative council to assign to the employment and labor committee or another appropriate study committee the topic of establishing a voluntary paid family and medical leave program that incorporates, to the extent possible, the findings and recommendations made by the commission for women, and includes the following:

13 (1) A process to evaluate and establish mechanisms, including
14 the use of existing technology and payroll deduction systems,
15 by which an employee and an employer may contribute to the
16 program.

- (2) The identification of mechanisms for the timely:
 - (A) acceptance of claims;

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1	(B) processing of claims; and
2	(C) payment of claims.
3	(3) A description of the estimated staffing, infrastructure, and
4	capital needs associated with the establishment and
5	administration of the program.
6	(4) The identification of possible funding sources to assist with
7	the startup costs associated with the establishment and
8	administration of the program, including the availability of
9	federal funding.
10	(d) If the legislative council assigns the topic described in
11	subsection (c) to the employment and labor committee or another
12	appropriate study committee, the employment and labor
13	committee or the appropriate study committee shall complete the
14	study required by this SECTION and report its findings and
15	conclusions, if any, to the legislative council in an electronic format
16	under IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2017.
17	(e) This SECTION expires January 1, 2018.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 253, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 4, delete ""commissioner of labor"" and insert ""employment and labor committee"".

Page 1, line 5, delete "commissioner of labor appointed under IC 22-1-1-2." and insert "interim study committee on employment and labor established by IC 2-5-1.3-4.".

Page 1, delete lines 6 through 14.

Page 1, line 15, delete "guidelines and procedures to establish a" begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(c) The general assembly urges the legislative council to assign to the employment and labor committee or another appropriate study committee the topic of establishing a voluntary paid family and medical leave".

Page 1, line 17, delete "." and insert ",".

Page 1, delete line 18.

Page 2, delete line 1.

Page 2, line 2, delete "least" and insert "and includes".

Page 1, run in line 17 through page 2, line 2.

Page 2, line 12, after "associated with the" insert "establishment and".

Page 2, line 15, after "costs" insert "associated with the establishment".

Page 2, delete lines 17 through 23, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(d) If the legislative council assigns the topic described in subsection (c) to the employment and labor committee or another appropriate study committee, the employment and labor committee or the appropriate study committee shall complete the study required by this SECTION and report its findings and conclusions, if any, to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2017.".



Page 2, line 24, delete "(h)" and insert "(e)". Page 2, line 24, delete "2019." and insert "**2018**.".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 253 as introduced.)

BOOTS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.



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