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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 208

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 208, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Paid  
6 Leave for All Workers Act.

7 Section 5. Findings; legislative intent; construction.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that it is in the public  
9 policy interests of the State for all working Illinoisans to  
10 have some paid leave from work to maintain their health and  
11 well-being, care for their families, or use for any other  
12 reason of their choosing.

13 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly by enacting  
14 this Act:

15 (1) To establish a minimum paid leave standard for all  
16 workers in Illinois.

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1 (2) To provide employment security and economic  
2 security for employees who need to use paid time off from  
3 work for any reason.

4 (3) To safeguard the welfare, health, safety, and  
5 prosperity of the people of Illinois.

6 (4) To ensure that an employee not be denied use of  
7 leave for noncompliance with leave notification policies  
8 if the employer has not provided a written copy of its  
9 notification policy to the employee.

10 In order to effectuate this intent, the provisions of this  
11 Act shall be liberally construed in favor of providing workers  
12 with the greatest amount of paid time off from work and  
13 employment security.

14 (c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to discourage  
15 employers from adopting or retaining paid sick leave, paid  
16 vacation, paid holidays, or any other paid time off or paid  
17 leave policy more generous than policies that comply with the  
18 requirements of this Act. Nothing in this Act shall be  
19 construed to discourage or prohibit an employer from allowing  
20 the use of paid leave at an earlier date than this Act  
21 requires.

22 Unless otherwise provided in a collective bargaining  
23 agreement, nothing in this Act shall be construed to waive or  
24 otherwise limit an employee's right to final compensation for  
25 any type of leave promised to be paid under a contract of  
26 employment or employment policy and earned by the employee

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1 pursuant to the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act.

2 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

3 "Construction industry" means any constructing, altering,  
4 reconstructing, repairing, rehabilitating, refinishing,  
5 refurbishing, remodeling, remediating, renovating, custom  
6 fabricating, maintenance, landscaping, improving, wrecking,  
7 painting, decorating, demolishing, or adding to or subtracting  
8 from any building, structure, highway, roadway, street,  
9 bridge, alley, sewer, ditch, sewage disposal plant,  
10 waterworks, parking facility, railroad, excavation or other  
11 structure, project, development, real property, or  
12 improvement, or to do any part thereof, whether or not the  
13 performance of the work herein described involves the addition  
14 to or fabrication into, any structure, project, development,  
15 real property, or improvement herein described of any material  
16 or article of merchandise.

17 "Construction industry" also includes moving construction  
18 related materials on the job site or to or from the job site,  
19 snow plowing, snow removal, and refuse collection.

20 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Labor.

21 "Domestic work" and "domestic worker" have the same  
22 meanings as defined in Section 10 of the Domestic Workers'

23 Bill of Rights Act, except that "domestic worker" also  
24 includes independent contractors, sole proprietors, and  
25 partnerships.

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1 "Employee" has the same application and meaning as that  
2 provided in Sections 1 and 2 of the Illinois Wage Payment and  
3 Collection Act. "Employee" also includes all domestic workers,  
4 and, for the purposes of this Act, domestic workers shall not  
5 be excluded as employees under the provisions of item (1),  
6 (2), or (3) of Section 2 of the Illinois Wage Payment and  
7 Collection Act. "Employee" does not include:

8 (1) an employee as defined in the federal Railroad  
9 Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.) or the  
10 Railway Labor Act;

11 (2) a student enrolled in and regularly attending  
12 classes in a college or university that is also the  
13 student's employer, and who is employed on a temporary  
14 basis at less than full time at the college or university,  
15 but this exclusion applies only to work performed for that  
16 college or university; or

17 (3) a short-term employee who is employed by an  
18 institution of higher education for less than 2  
19 consecutive calendar quarters during a calendar year and  
20 who does not have a reasonable expectation that they will  
21 be rehired by the same employer of the same service in a  
22 subsequent calendar year.

23 "Employer" has the same application and meaning as that  
24 provided in Sections 1 and 2 of the Illinois Wage Payment and  
25 Collection Act, except that for purposes of this Act,  
26 "employer" also means the State and units of local government,

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1 any political subdivision of the State or units of local  
2 government, or any State or local government agency.

3 "Employer" does not include school districts organized  
4 under the School Code or park districts organized under the  
5 Park District Code.

6 "Writing" or "written" means a printed or printable

7 communication in physical or electronic format, including a  
8 communication that is transmitted through electronic mail,  
9 text message, or a computer system or is otherwise sent or  
10 stored electronically.

11 Section 15. Provision of paid leave.

12 (a) An employee who works in Illinois is entitled to earn  
13 and use up to a minimum of 40 hours of paid leave during a  
14 12-month period or a pro rata number of hours of paid leave  
15 under the provisions of subsection (b). The paid leave may be  
16 used by the employee for any purpose as long as the paid leave  
17 is taken in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

18 (b) Paid leave under this Act shall accrue at the rate of  
19 one hour of paid leave for every 40 hours worked up to a  
20 minimum of 40 hours of paid leave or such greater amount if the  
21 employer provides more than 40 hours. Employees who are exempt  
22 from the overtime requirements of the federal Fair Labor  
23 Standards Act (29 U.S.C. 213(a)(1)) shall be deemed to work 40  
24 hours in each workweek for purposes of paid leave accrual  
25 unless their regular workweek is less than 40 hours, in which

1 case paid leave accrues based on that regular workweek.  
2 Employees shall determine how much paid leave they need to  
3 use, however employers may set a reasonable minimum increment  
4 for the use of paid leave not to exceed 2 hours per day. If an  
5 employee's scheduled workday is less than 2 hours day, the  
6 employee's scheduled workday shall be used to determine the  
7 amount of paid leave.

8 (c) An employer may make available the minimum number of  
9 hours of paid leave, subject to pro rata requirements provided  
10 in subsection (b), to an employee on the first day of  
11 employment or the first day of the 12-month period. Employers  
12 that provide the minimum number of hours of paid leave to an  
13 employee on the first day of employment or the first day of the  
14 12-month period are not required to carryover paid leave from  
15 12-month period to 12-month period and may require employees  
16 to use all paid leave prior to the end of the benefit period or  
17 forfeit the unused paid leave. However, under no circumstances  
18 shall an employee be credited with paid leave that is less than  
19 what the employee would have accrued under subsections (a) and  
20 (g) of this Section.

21 (d) The 12-month period may be any consecutive 12-month  
22 period designated by the employer in writing at the time of  
23 hire. Changes to the 12-month period may be made by the  
24 employer if notice is given to employees in writing prior to  
25 the change and the change does not reduce the eligible accrual  
26 rate and paid leave available to the employee. If the employer

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1 changes the designated 12-month period, the employer shall  
2 provide the employee with documentation of the balance of  
3 hours worked, paid leave accrued and taken, and the remaining  
4 paid leave balance.

5 (e) Paid leave under this Act may be taken by an employee  
6 for any reason of the employee's choosing. An employee is not  
7 required to provide an employer a reason for the leave and may  
8 not be required to provide documentation or certification as  
9 proof or in support of the leave. An employee may choose  
10 whether to use paid leave provided under this Act prior to  
11 using any other leave provided by the employer or State law.

12 (f) Employees shall be paid their hourly rate of pay for  
13 paid leave. However, employees engaged in an occupation in  
14 which gratuities or commissions have customarily and usually  
15 constituted and have been recognized as part of the  
16 remuneration for hire purposes shall be paid by their employer  
17 at least the full minimum wage in the jurisdiction in which  
18 they are employed when paid leave is taken. This wage shall be  
19 treated as the employee's regular rate of pay for purposes of  
20 this Act.

21 (g) Paid leave under this Act shall begin to accrue at the  
22 commencement of employment or on the effective date of this  
23 Act, whichever is later. Employees shall be entitled to begin  
24 using paid leave 90 days following commencement of their  
25 employment or 90 days following the effective date of this  
26 Act, whichever is later.

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1 (h) Paid leave under this Act shall be provided upon the  
2 oral or written request of an employee in accordance with the  
3 employer's reasonable paid leave policy notification

4 requirements which may include the following:

5 (1) If use of paid leave under this Act is  
6 foreseeable, the employer may require the employee to  
7 provide 7 calendar days' notice before the date the leave  
8 is to begin.

9 (2) If paid leave under this Act is not foreseeable,  
10 the employee shall provide such notice as soon as is  
11 practicable after the employee is aware of the necessity  
12 of the leave. An employer that requires notice of paid  
13 leave under this Act when the leave is not foreseeable  
14 shall provide a written policy that contains procedures  
15 for the employee to provide notice.

16 (3) Employers shall provide employees with written  
17 notice of the paid leave policy notification requirements  
18 in this Section in the manner provided in Section 20 for  
19 notice and posting and within 5 calendar days of any  
20 change to the employer's reasonable paid leave policy  
21 notification requirements.

22 (4) An employer may not require, as a condition of  
23 providing paid leave under this Act, that the employee  
24 search for or find a replacement worker to cover the hours  
25 during which the employee takes paid leave.

26 (i) Except as provided in subsection (c), paid leave under

1 this Act shall carry over annually to the extent not used by  
2 the employee, provided that nothing in this Act shall be  
3 construed to require an employer to provide more than 40 hours  
4 of paid leave for an employee in the 12-month period unless the  
5 employer agrees to do so.

6 (j) Nothing in this Section or any other Illinois law or  
7 rule shall be construed as requiring financial or other  
8 payment to an employee from an employer upon the employee's  
9 termination, resignation, retirement, or other separation from  
10 employment for paid leave accrued under this Act that has not  
11 been used. Nothing in this Section or any other Illinois law or  
12 rule shall be construed as requiring financial or other  
13 reimbursements to an employee from an employer for unused paid  
14 leave under this Act at the end of the benefit year or any  
15 other time.

16 (k) If an employee is transferred to a separate division,

17 entity, or location, but remains employed by the same  
18 employer, the employee is entitled to all paid leave accrued  
19 at the prior division, entity, or location and is entitled to  
20 use all paid leave as provided in this Section. If there is a  
21 separation from employment and the employee is rehired within  
22 12 months of separation by the same employer, previously  
23 accrued paid leave that had not been used by the employee shall  
24 be reinstated. The employee shall be entitled to use accrued  
25 paid leave at the commencement of employment following a  
26 separation from employment of 12 months or less.

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1 (1) Paid leave under this Act shall not be charged or  
2 otherwise credited to an employee's paid time off bank or  
3 employee account unless the employer's policy permits such a  
4 credit. If the paid leave under this Act is credited to an  
5 employee's paid time off bank or employee vacation account  
6 then any unused paid leave shall be paid to the employee upon  
7 the employee's termination, resignation, retirement, or other  
8 separation to the same extent as vacation time under existing  
9 Illinois law or rule. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to  
10 waive or otherwise limit an employee's right to final  
11 compensation for promised and earned, but unpaid vacation time  
12 or paid time off, as provided under the Illinois Wage Payment  
13 and Collection Act and rules. Employers shall provide  
14 employees with written notice of changes to the employer's  
15 vacation time, paid time off, or other paid leave policies  
16 that affect an employee's right to final compensation for such  
17 leave.

18 (m) During any period an employee takes leave under this  
19 Act, the employer shall maintain coverage for the employee and  
20 any family member under any group health plan for the duration  
21 of such leave at no less than the level and conditions of  
22 coverage that would have been provided if the employee had not  
23 taken the leave. The employer shall notify the employee that  
24 the employee is still responsible for paying the employee's  
25 share of the cost of the health care coverage, if any.

26 (n) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to interfere with,

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1 impede, or in any way diminish the right of employees to  
2 bargain collectively with their employers through  
3 representatives of their own choosing in order to establish  
4 wages or other conditions of work in excess of the applicable  
5 minimum standards established in this Act. The paid leave  
6 requirements of this Act may be waived in a bona fide  
7 collective bargaining agreement, but only if the waiver is set  
8 forth explicitly in such agreement in clear and unambiguous  
9 terms.

10 Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to affect the validity  
11 or change the terms of bona fide collective bargaining  
12 agreements in effect on January 1, 2024. After that date,  
13 requirements of this Act may be waived in a bona fide  
14 collective bargaining agreement, but only if the waiver is set  
15 forth explicitly in such agreement in clear and unambiguous  
16 terms.

17 In no event shall this Act apply to any employee working in  
18 the construction industry who is covered by a bona fide  
19 collective bargaining agreement, nor shall this Act apply to  
20 any employee who is covered by a bona fide collective  
21 bargaining agreement with an employer that provides services  
22 nationally and internationally of delivery, pickup, and  
23 transportation of parcels, documents, and freight.

24 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, nothing  
25 in this Act shall be deemed to affect the validity or change  
26 the terms of a bona fide collective bargaining agreement

1 applying to an employee who is employed by a State agency that  
2 is in effect on July 1, 2024. After that date, requirements of  
3 this Act may be waived in a bona fide collective bargaining  
4 agreement, but only if the waiver is set forth explicitly in  
5 such agreement in clear and unambiguous terms. As used in this  
6 subsection, "State agency" has the same meaning as set forth  
7 in Section 4 of the Forms Notice Act.

8 (o) An agreement by an employee to waive his or her rights  
9 under this Act is void as against public policy.

10 (p) The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any  
11 employer that is covered by a municipal or county ordinance  
12 that is in effect on the effective date of this Act that



13 requires employers to give any form of paid leave to their  
14 employees, including paid sick leave or paid leave.  
15 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, any  
16 employer that is not required to provide paid leave to its  
17 employees, including paid sick leave or paid leave, under a  
18 municipal or county ordinance that is in effect on the  
19 effective date of this Act shall be subject to the provisions  
20 of this Act if the employer would be required to provide paid  
21 leave under this Act to its employees.

22 Any local ordinance that provides paid leave, including  
23 paid sick leave or paid leave, enacted or amended after the  
24 effective date of this Act must comply with the requirements  
25 of this Act or provide benefits, rights, and remedies that are  
26 greater than or equal to the benefits, rights, and remedies

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1 afforded under this Act.

2 An employer in a municipality or county that enacts or  
3 amends a local ordinance that provides paid leave, including  
4 paid sick leave or paid leave, after the effective date of this  
5 Act shall only comply with the local ordinance or ordinances  
6 so long as the benefits, rights, and remedies are greater than  
7 or equal to the benefits, rights, and remedies afforded under  
8 this Act.

9 Section 20. Related employer responsibilities.

10 (a) An employer subject to this Act shall make and  
11 preserve records documenting hours worked, paid leave accrued  
12 and taken, and remaining paid leave balance for each employee  
13 for a period of not less than 3 years and shall allow the  
14 Department access to such records, at reasonable times during  
15 business hours, to monitor compliance with the requirements of  
16 this Act. In addition, the records shall be preserved for the  
17 duration of any claim pending pursuant to Section 35. An  
18 employer that provides paid leave on an accrual basis pursuant  
19 to subsection (b) of Section 15 shall provide notice of the  
20 amount of paid leave accrued or used by an employee upon  
21 request by the employee in accordance with the employer's  
22 reasonable paid leave policy notification provisions. An  
23 employer that fails to comply with this subsection is in  
24 violation of the Act and subject to the civil penalties  
25 established in Section 35.

1 (b) An employer who provides any type of paid leave policy  
2 that satisfies the minimum amount of leave required by  
3 subsection (a) of Section 15 is not required to modify the  
4 policy if the policy offers an employee the option, at the  
5 employee's discretion, to take paid leave for any reason.  
6 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as requiring financial  
7 or other reimbursements to an employee from an employer for  
8 unused paid leave under this Act. Nothing in this Act shall be  
9 construed to discourage an employer from adopting a paid leave  
10 policy more generous than the requirements of this Act.

11 (c) For domestic workers, if an employer requires evidence  
12 of hours worked for other employers to confirm that the  
13 domestic worker has worked or is scheduled to work 8 or more  
14 hours in the aggregate for any relevant workweek, a signed  
15 statement by the domestic worker stating that he or she has  
16 performed or is scheduled to perform domestic work for 8 or  
17 more hours in the aggregate for any relevant workweek shall  
18 satisfy any documentation requirements of hours worked under  
19 the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights Act and this Act. Such  
20 employer shall not require more than one signed statement in a  
21 calendar quarter if the hours the domestic worker has  
22 performed or is scheduled to perform domestic work have not  
23 decreased to less than 8 hours in the aggregate in any relevant  
24 workweek in that calendar quarter. An employer that requires  
25 evidence of hours worked must give the domestic worker written  
26 notice of such request and allow no fewer than 7 days or until

1 the next scheduled workday, whichever is greater, for the  
2 domestic worker to comply with the request. The employer may  
3 not deny paid leave pending submission of the signed  
4 statement.

5 (d) An employer shall post and keep posted in a  
6 conspicuous place on the premises of the employer where  
7 notices to employees are customarily posted, and include it in  
8 a written document, or written employee manual or policy if  
9 the employer has one, a notice, to be prepared by the

10 Department, summarizing the requirements of this Act and  
11 information pertaining to the filing of a charge upon  
12 commencement of an employee's employment or 90 days following  
13 the effective date of this Act, whichever is later. If an  
14 employer's workforce is comprised of a significant portion of  
15 workers who are not literate in English, the employer shall  
16 notify the Department and a notice in the appropriate language  
17 shall be prepared by the Department. Employees may also  
18 request that the Department provide a notice in languages  
19 other than English, which the employer must post in accordance  
20 with this subsection. An employer who violates this subsection  
21 shall be fined a civil penalty of \$500 for the first audit  
22 violation and \$1,000 for any subsequent audit violation.

23 (e) No employer shall interfere with, deny, or change an  
24 employee's work days or hours to avoid providing eligible paid  
25 leave time to an employee.

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1 Section 25. Retaliation. It is unlawful for any employer  
2 to threaten to take or to take any adverse action against an  
3 employee because the employee (1) exercises rights or attempts  
4 to exercise rights under this Act, (2) opposes practices which  
5 the employee believes to be in violation of this Act, or (3)  
6 supports the exercise of rights of another under this Act. It  
7 is unlawful for any employer to consider the use of paid leave  
8 by an employee as a negative factor in any employment action  
9 that involves evaluating, promoting, disciplining, or counting  
10 paid leave under a no-fault attendance policy. Such  
11 retaliation shall subject an employer to civil penalties  
12 pursuant to this Act.

13 An employee who has been unlawfully retaliated against  
14 shall also be entitled to recover through a claim filed with  
15 the Department, all legal and equitable relief as may be  
16 appropriate.

17 Section 30. Department responsibilities.

18 (a) The Department shall administer and enforce this Act.  
19 The Department has the powers and the parties have the rights  
20 provided in the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act for  
21 contested cases.

22 (b) An employee may file a complaint with the Department

23 alleging violations of the Act within 3 years after the  
24 alleged violation. An employer that violates this Act is  
25 liable to any affected employee for damages in the form of the

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1 actual underpayment, compensatory damages, and a penalty of  
2 not less than \$500 and no more than \$1,000. Employees shall  
3 also be entitled to such equitable relief as may be  
4 appropriate, in addition to reasonable attorney's fees;  
5 reasonable expert witness fees, and other costs of the action,  
6 which shall be paid by the employer to the employee.

7 (c) The Department has the power to conduct investigations  
8 in connection with the administration and enforcement of this  
9 Act, including the power to conduct depositions and discovery  
10 and to issue subpoenas. If the Department finds cause to  
11 believe that this Act has been violated, the Department shall  
12 notify the parties in writing, and the matter shall be  
13 referred to an Administrative Law Judge to schedule a formal  
14 hearing in accordance with hearing procedures established by  
15 rule. Administrative decisions shall be reviewed under the  
16 Administrative Review Law.

17 (d) The Department is authorized to impose civil penalties  
18 prescribed in Section 35 for any violation of this Act.

19 (e) The Department is authorized to collect and supervise  
20 the payment of any damages awarded pursuant to Section 25 and  
21 subsection (b) of this Section to an employee or employees  
22 under this Act. Any sums recovered by the Department on behalf  
23 of an employee or employees under this Act shall be paid to the  
24 employee or employees affected. The Department is not  
25 authorized to collect and supervise the payment of any awarded  
26 attorney's fees. Those fees shall be subject to collection by

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1 the attorney awarded such fees.

2 (f) The Attorney General may bring an action to enforce  
3 the collection of any awards made under this Act.

4 (g) The Department shall adopt rules necessary to  
5 administer and enforce this Act.

6 Section 35. Penalties and enforcement. An employer that  
7 violates this Act or any rule adopted under this Act shall be  
8 subject to a civil penalty of \$2,500 for each separate  
9 offense. An offense means any violation of this Act with the  
10 exception of a violation of the notice requirement in  
11 subsection (c) of Section 20. Any penalties collected from an  
12 employer under this Section or under subsection (d) of Section  
13 20 for violations of this Act shall be deposited into the Paid  
14 Leave for All Workers Fund, a special fund created in the State  
15 treasury that is dedicated to enforcing this Act.

16 Section 95. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
17 Section 5.990 as follows:

18 (30 ILCS 105/5.990 new)

19 Sec. 5.990. The Paid Leave for All Workers Fund.

20 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are  
21 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

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1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
2 1, 2024."