

| Provision | The FAMILY Act - 117th Congress & Prior (S. 248/H.R. 804) | Chairman Neal's <u>Subtitle</u> A of the Build Back Better Act | Rules Committee Print 117-18 Text of H.R. 5376, Build Back Better Act | The FAMILY Act - 118th Congress |
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| Purposes | All existing FMLA purposes: - To bond with a new child - To care for a family member's serious medical condition - To care for one's own serious medical condition - For military caregiving & deployment purposes | All existing FMLA purposes: - To bond with a new child - To care for a family member's serious medical condition - To care for one's own serious medical condition - For military caregiving & deployment purposes Plus: - 3 days of bereavement leave | Most existing FMLA purposes: - To bond with a new child - To care for a family member's serious medical condition - To care for one's own serious medical condition | All existing FMLA purposes: - To bond with a new child - To care for a family member's serious medical condition - To care for one's own serious medical condition - For military caregiving & deployment purposes Plus: - To recover or seek assistance related to domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault |
| Duration | 12 weeks *Includes a 1-week unpaid waiting period | 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave, 3 days of bereavement leave *Includes a 1-week unpaid waiting period | 4 weeks *Includes a 1-week unpaid waiting period | *Does not include a waiting period - benefits are payable immediately |



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| Length of Implementation | Applications for family and medical leave insurance benefits may be filed beginning 18 months after date of enactment | Applications for family and medical leave insurance benefits may be filed beginning 18 months after date of enactment | Effective January 2024 | Applications for family and medical leave insurance benefits may be filed beginning 18 months after date of enactment |
| Wage replacement | Flat – two-thirds of wages, capped at \$4k/month (indexed to the national average wage index) | Progressive – 85% for lowest income and 2/3 on average, maximum benefit and formula bend points adjusted for inflation | Progressive – ~90% for lowest income and 2/3 on average, maximum benefit of \$814/week | Progressive – 85% for lowest income and approximately two-thirds for the typical full-time worker, capped at approximately \$4k/month (see this chart) |
| Family definition | FMLA definition - parent, child, spouse | Paid family caregiving leave: inclusive, including chosen family (blood or affinity) Bereavement leave: parent, child, spouse | Inclusive, including chosen family (blood or affinity) | Inclusive, including chosen family (blood or affinity) |



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| Eligibility | SSDI eligibility | Expanded eligibility for all workers, including public employees | Minimum earnings of \$2,000 (indexed annually, tied to national average wage index) in the most recent 8-quarter period ending at least 4 months before the benefit period begins | Expanded eligibility for all workers, including public employees |
| Agency | SSA (under new Office of Paid Family and Medical Leave), administration of program fully funded by payroll tax (estimated 5% of revenue would go toward administration) | Treasury | Social Security Administration | SSA (under new Office of Paid Family and Medical Leave), administration of program fully funded by payroll tax (estimated 5% of revenue would go toward administration) |
| State/federal coordination | Not specified, coordination would be determined through regulation | Allows states with existing programs to continue administering their benefits with reimbursement for the federal government (more here) | Allows states with existing programs to continue administering their benefits with reimbursement for the federal government (more here) | Allows states with existing programs to continue administering their benefits with reimbursement for the federal government (more here) |



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| Employer interaction | None included - contemplates that the benefit would provide a federal baseline, businesses can "top up" wages or duration if they so choose | Provides an option for businesses to continue providing their own paid leave plans with reimbursement from the federal government (more here) | Provides an option for businesses to continue providing their own paid leave plans with reimbursement from the federal government (more here) | None included - contemplates that the benefit would provide a federal baseline, businesses can "top up" wages or duration if they so choose |
| Pay-for | Paid for by a 0.2 payroll tax on employers & employees, based on the Social Security taxable wage base | Paid for by general revenues | Paid for by general revenues | Paid for by a 0.2 payroll tax on employers & employees, based on the Medicare taxable wage base |

Additional Resources:

- Paid Leave Resource Directory
- The FAMILY Act: fact sheet, section-by-section, FAQs
- The FMLA: key facts, Know Your Rights, Guide to the FMLA
- The National Partnership