

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 257

March 30, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives BLACK, SINICKI, TURNER, RICHARDS, MORRIS-TATUM, J. LEHMAN, BOCK, CULLEN, POCAN, MILLER and BERCEAU, cosponsored by Senators GROBSCHMIDT, BURKE, RISSER, ERPENBACH and GEORGE. Referred to Committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 103.10 (5) (b); *to amend* 103.10 (title), 103.10  
 2           (2) (a), 103.10 (2) (c), 103.10 (5) (a), 103.10 (8) (a) (intro.), 103.10 (8) (a) 1., 103.10  
 3           (8) (a) 2., 103.10 (8) (b), 103.10 (8) (c), 103.10 (9) (a), 103.10 (9) (b), 103.10 (9) (c)  
 4           4., 103.10 (9) (d), 103.10 (10), 103.10 (12) (d), 103.10 (14) (b), 108.04 (1) (b) 3.  
 5           (intro.), 111.91 (2) (f), 230.35 (2m), 230.45 (1) (k) and 253.10 (3) (d) 1.; ***to repeal***  
 6           ***and recreate*** 893.96 (title); and ***to create*** 103.10 (1) (fr), 103.10 (4m), 103.10  
 7           (5) (b) 2. and 103.10 (6) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** school conference and  
 8           activities leave.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, an employer, including the state, employing at least 50 individuals on a permanent basis in this state must permit an employee to take six weeks of family leave in a 12-month period and two weeks of medical leave in a 12-month period if that employee has been employed by the employer for more than 52 consecutive weeks and has worked for the employer for at least 1,000 hours during the preceding 52-week period. Family leave may be taken for the birth or adoptive placement of a new child or to care for a child, spouse, or parent who has a serious health condition. Medical leave may be taken when the employee has a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's

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employment duties. An employee is not entitled to receive wages or salary while taking family leave or medical leave, but may substitute, for portions of family or medical leave, other types of paid or unpaid leave provided by the employer. An employee who intends to take family or medical leave for the birth or adoptive placement of a child or for planned medical treatment must give the employer advance notice of the birth or adoptive placement or planned medical treatment. In addition, for planned medical treatment, the employee must make a reasonable effort to schedule the medical treatment so that it does not unduly disrupt the operations of the employer.

This bill allows *any* employee of an employer employing at least 50 individuals on a permanent basis in this state to take no more than 16 hours of school conference and activities leave in a 12-month period. School conference and activities leave may be taken to attend school conferences or classroom activities relating to the employee's child that cannot be scheduled during nonworking hours. In addition, school conference and activities leave may be taken to observe and monitor the day care, preschool, or prekindergarten services or programming received by an employee's child, if that observation and monitoring cannot be scheduled during nonworking hours. An employee is not entitled to receive wages or salary while taking school conference and activities leave, but may substitute, for portions of school conference and activities leave, other types of paid or unpaid leave provided by the employer, except that an employee may not substitute paid leave for school conference and activities leave for attending a school conference or activity for less than one hour. An employee who intends to take leave to attend a school conference or activity must give the employer advance notice of the leave and must make a reasonable effort to schedule the leave so that it does not unduly disrupt the operations of the employer.

For purposes of this bill, "school" means a day care center licensed by the department of health and family services, a day care provider certified for funding by a county department of human services or social services, a day care program established or contracted for by a school board, a public, parochial, or private preschool or prekindergarten, or a public, parochial, or private school that provides an educational program for one or more grades between kindergarten and 12.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 103.10 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           **103.10 (title) Family or, medical, and school conference and activities**  
3 **leave.**

4           **SECTION 2.** 103.10 (1) (fr) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           103.10 (1) (fr) “School” means a child care provider, as defined in s. 49.001 (1),  
2 a public, parochial, or private preschool or prekindergarten, or a public, parochial,  
3 or private school that provides an educational program for one or more grades  
4 between kindergarten and 12 and that is commonly known as a kindergarten,  
5 elementary school, middle school, junior high school, senior high school, or high  
6 school.

7           **SECTION 3.** 103.10 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           103.10 (2) (a) Nothing in this section prohibits an employer from providing  
9 employees with rights to family leave ~~or~~ medical leave which, or school conference  
10 and activities leave that are more generous to the employee than the rights provided  
11 under this section.

12           **SECTION 4.** 103.10 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           103.10 (2) (c) This section only applies to an employee who has been employed  
14 by the same employer for more than 52 consecutive weeks and who worked for the  
15 employer for at least 1,000 hours during the preceding 52-week period, except that  
16 for purposes of school conference and activities leave under sub. (4m), this section  
17 applies to any employee of an employer.

18           **SECTION 5.** 103.10 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

19           103.10 (4m) SCHOOL CONFERENCE AND ACTIVITIES LEAVE. Subject to sub. (6) (c),  
20 an employee may take no more than 16 hours of school conference and activities leave  
21 in a 12-month period for the purpose of attending school conferences or classroom  
22 activities relating to the employee’s child that cannot be scheduled during nonwork  
23 hours. An employee may also use the school conference and activities leave provided  
24 under this subsection to observe and monitor the services or programming provided  
25 to the employee’s child by a child care provider, as defined in s. 49.001 (1), or a public,

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1 private, or parochial preschool or prekindergarten, if that observation and  
2 monitoring cannot be scheduled during nonwork hours.

3 **SECTION 6.** 103.10 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 103.10 (5) (a) This section does not entitle an employee to receive wages or  
5 salary while taking family leave or, medical leave, or school conference and activities  
6 leave.

7 **SECTION 7.** 103.10 (5) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 103.10 (5) (b) 1. and  
8 amended to read:

9 103.10 (5) (b) 1. ~~An~~ Subject to subd. 2., an employee may substitute, for portions  
10 of family leave or, medical leave, or school conference and activities leave, paid or  
11 unpaid leave of any other type provided by the employer.

12 **SECTION 8.** 103.10 (5) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

13 103.10 (5) (b) 2. Notwithstanding subd. 1., an employee may not substitute paid  
14 leave for school conference and activities leave for attending a school conference or  
15 activity for less than one hour.

16 **SECTION 9.** 103.10 (6) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

17 103.10 (6) (c) If an employee intends to take leave under sub. (4m) for the  
18 purpose of attending a school conference or activity, the employee shall do all of the  
19 following:

20 1. Make a reasonable effort to schedule the leave so that it does not unduly  
21 disrupt the employer's operations.

22 2. Give the employer advance notice of the leave in a reasonable and practicable  
23 manner.

24 **SECTION 10.** 103.10 (8) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           103.10 (8) (a) (intro.) Subject to par. (c), when an employee returns from family  
2           leave ~~or~~ medical leave, or school conference and activities leave, his or her employer  
3           shall immediately place the employee in an employment position as follows:

4           **SECTION 11.** 103.10 (8) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

5           103.10 (8) (a) 1. If the employment position which the employee held  
6           immediately before the family leave ~~or~~ medical leave, or school conference and  
7           activities leave began is vacant when the employee returns, in that position.

8           **SECTION 12.** 103.10 (8) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9           103.10 (8) (a) 2. If the employment position which the employee held  
10          immediately before the family leave ~~or~~ medical leave, or school conference and  
11          activities leave began is not vacant when the employee returns, in an equivalent  
12          employment position having equivalent compensation, benefits, working shift,  
13          hours of employment and other terms and conditions of employment.

14          **SECTION 13.** 103.10 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15          103.10 (8) (b) No employer may, because an employee received family leave ~~or~~  
16          medical leave, or school conference and activities leave, reduce or deny an  
17          employment benefit which accrued to the employee before his or her leave began or,  
18          consistent with sub. (9), accrued after his or her leave began.

19          **SECTION 14.** 103.10 (8) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

20          103.10 (8) (c) Notwithstanding par. (a), if an employee on a family, medical or  
21          family, or school conference and activities leave wishes to return to work before the  
22          end of the leave as scheduled, the employer shall place the employee in an  
23          employment position of the type described in par. (a) 1. or 2. within a reasonable time  
24          not exceeding the duration of the leave as scheduled.

25          **SECTION 15.** 103.10 (9) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           103.10 (9) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), nothing in this section entitles a  
2 returning employee to a right, employment benefit or employment position to which  
3 the employee would not have been entitled had he or she not taken family leave ~~or,~~  
4 medical leave, or school conference and activities leave or to the accrual of any  
5 seniority or employment benefit during a period of family leave ~~or,~~ medical leave, or  
6 school conference and activities leave.

7           **SECTION 16.** 103.10 (9) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           103.10 (9) (b) Subject to par. (c), during a period an employee takes family leave  
9 ~~or,~~ medical leave, or school conference and activities leave, his or her employer shall  
10 maintain group health insurance coverage under the conditions that applied  
11 immediately before the family leave ~~or,~~ medical leave, or school conference and  
12 activities leave began. If the employee continues making any contribution required  
13 for participation in the group health insurance plan, the employer shall continue  
14 making group health insurance premium contributions as if the employee had not  
15 taken the family leave ~~or,~~ medical leave, or school conference and activities leave.

16           **SECTION 17.** 103.10 (9) (c) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

17           103.10 (9) (c) 4. If an employee ends his or her employment with an employer  
18 during or within 30 days after a period of family leave ~~or,~~ medical leave, or school  
19 conference and activities leave, the employer may deduct from the amount returned  
20 to the employee under subd. 3. any premium or similar expense paid by the employer  
21 for the employee's group health insurance coverage while the employee was on family  
22 leave ~~or,~~ medical leave, or school conference and activities leave.

23           **SECTION 18.** 103.10 (9) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           103.10 (9) (d) If an employee ends his or her employment with an employer  
25 during or at the end of a period of family leave ~~or,~~ medical leave, or school conference

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1 and activities leave, the time period for conversion to individual coverage under s.  
2 632.897 (6) shall be calculated as beginning on the day that the employee began the  
3 period of family leave ~~or~~, medical leave, or school conference and activities leave.

4 **SECTION 19.** 103.10 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 103.10 (10) ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT. Nothing in this section prohibits an  
6 employer and an employee with a serious health condition from mutually agreeing  
7 to alternative employment for the employee while the serious health condition lasts.  
8 No period of alternative employment, with the same employer, reduces the  
9 employee's right to family leave ~~or~~, medical leave, or school conference and activities  
10 leave.

11 **SECTION 20.** 103.10 (12) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 103.10 (12) (d) The department shall issue its decision and order within 30 days  
13 after the hearing. If the department finds that an employer violated sub. (11) (a) or  
14 (b), it may order the employer to take action to remedy the violation, including  
15 providing the requested family leave ~~or~~, medical leave, or school conference and  
16 activities leave, reinstating an employee, providing back pay accrued not more than  
17 2 years before the complaint was filed and paying reasonable actual attorney fees to  
18 the complainant.

19 **SECTION 21.** 103.10 (14) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 103.10 (14) (b) Any person employing at least 25 individuals shall post, in one  
21 or more conspicuous places where notices to employees are customarily posted, a  
22 notice describing the person's policy with respect to leave for the reasons described  
23 in subs. (3) (b) ~~and~~, (4) (a), and (4m).

24 **SECTION 22.** 108.04 (1) (b) 3. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           108.04 (1) (b) 3. (intro.) While the employee is on family or medical leave under  
2 the federal family and medical leave act of 1993 (~~P.L. 103-3~~), 29 USC 2601 to 2654,  
3 or s. 103.10 or school conference and activities leave under s. 103.10, until whichever  
4 of the following occurs first:

5           **SECTION 23.** 111.91 (2) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           111.91 (2) (f) Family leave and medical leave rights below the minimum  
7 afforded under the federal family and medical leave act of 1993, 29 USC 2601 to 2654,  
8 and s. 103.10 and school conference and activities leave rights below the minimum  
9 afforded under s. 103.10. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the employer from  
10 bargaining on rights to family leave or medical leave which are more generous to the  
11 employee than the rights provided under the federal family and medical leave act of  
12 1993, 29 USC 2601 to 2654, and s. 103.10 and on rights to school conference and  
13 activities leave which are more generous to the employee than the rights provided  
14 under s. 103.10.

15           **SECTION 24.** 230.35 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           230.35 (2m) An employee shall be eligible for medical or family leave under s.  
17 103.10 upon the expiration, extension, or renewal of any collective bargaining  
18 agreement in effect on April 26, 1988, which covers the employee. An employee shall  
19 be eligible for school activities leave under s. 103.10 upon the expiration, extension,  
20 or renewal of any collective bargaining agreement in effect on the effective date of  
21 this subsection .... [revisor inserts date], which covers the employee.

22           **SECTION 25.** 230.45 (1) (k) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           230.45 (1) (k) Receive and process complaints of violations relating to family  
24 ~~or~~, medical, or school activities leave under s. 103.10 (12).

25           **SECTION 26.** 253.10 (3) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           253.10 (3) (d) 1. Geographically indexed materials that are designed to inform  
2 a woman about public and private agencies, including adoption agencies, and  
3 services that are available to provide information on family planning, as defined in  
4 s. 253.07 (1) (a), including natural family planning information, to provide  
5 ultrasound imaging services, to assist her if she has received a diagnosis that her  
6 unborn child has a disability or if her pregnancy is the result of sexual assault or  
7 incest and to assist her through pregnancy, upon childbirth and while the child is  
8 dependent. The materials shall include a comprehensive list of the agencies  
9 available, a description of the services that they offer and a description of the manner  
10 in which they may be contacted, including telephone numbers and addresses, or, at  
11 the option of the department, the materials shall include a toll-free, 24-hour  
12 telephone number that may be called to obtain an oral listing of available agencies  
13 and services in the locality of the caller and a description of the services that the  
14 agencies offer and the manner in which they may be contacted. The materials shall  
15 provide information on the availability of governmentally funded programs that  
16 serve pregnant women and children. Services identified for the woman shall include  
17 medical assistance for pregnant women and children under s. 49.47 (4) (am), the  
18 availability of family or, medical, and school conference and activities leave under s.  
19 103.10, the Wisconsin works program under ss. 49.141 to 49.161, child care services,  
20 child support laws and programs and the credit for expenses for household and  
21 dependent care and services necessary for gainful employment under section 21 of  
22 the internal revenue code. The materials shall state that it is unlawful to perform  
23 an abortion for which consent has been coerced, that any physician who performs or  
24 induces an abortion without obtaining the woman's voluntary and informed consent  
25 is liable to her for damages in a civil action and is subject to a civil penalty, that the

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1 father of a child is liable for assistance in the support of the child, even in instances  
2 in which the father has offered to pay for an abortion, and that adoptive parents may  
3 pay the costs of prenatal care, childbirth and neonatal care. The materials shall  
4 include information, for a woman whose pregnancy is the result of sexual assault or  
5 incest, on legal protections available to the woman and her child if she wishes to  
6 oppose establishment of paternity or to terminate the father's parental rights. The  
7 materials shall state that fetal ultrasound imaging and auscultation of fetal heart  
8 tone services are obtainable by pregnant women who wish to use them and shall  
9 describe the services.

10 **SECTION 27.** 893.96 (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

11 **893.96 (title) Family, medical, and school conference and activities**  
12 **leave; civil remedies.**

13 **SECTION 28. Initial applicability.**

14 (1) This act first applies to an employee, as defined in section 103.10 (1) (b) of  
15 the statutes, who is affected by a collective bargaining agreement that contains  
16 provisions inconsistent with this act on the day on which the collective bargaining  
17 agreement expires or is extended, modified, or renewed, whichever occurs first.

18 **SECTION 29. Effective date.**

19 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after  
20 publication.

21 (END)