

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2044

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Delaying the implementation of the family leave insurance program until funding and payment of benefits are authorized in law.

Sponsors: Representatives Hunter and Sullivan.

House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background:

In 2007 the Legislature enacted Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5659, which established a framework for a family leave insurance program. The Legislature delayed implementation of the family leave insurance program in 2009 and 2011.

Beginning on October 1, 2015, the family leave insurance program provides benefits of up to \$250 per week for up to five weeks to eligible employees who are unable to perform their regular or customary work due to the birth of a child or to care for a newly adopted child.

Beginning on September 1, 2016, the agency administering the program reports annually to the Legislature on program participation, premium rates, fund balances, and outreach efforts.

Summary:

The October 1, 2015, implementation date for family leave insurance benefits is removed. Family leave insurance benefits will become payable when the Legislature has specifically appropriated funding and enacted an implementation date.

The September 1, 2016, due date for annual reports to the Legislature is removed. The administering agency will begin submitting annual reports to the Legislature one year after the enacted implementation date of benefits.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 67 29

Second Special Session

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House 70 19
Senate 38 10

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