



Employees' Rights Under The District of Columbia Parental Leave Act of 1994

In accordance with District of Columbia Law 10-146, effective August 17, 1994, an employee who is a parent shall be entitled to a total of 24 hours leave* during any 12 month period to attend or participate in school-related events for his or her child.

- “Parent” means natural mother or father of child;
- A person who has legal custody of a child;
- A person who acts as a guardian of a child regardless of legal appointment;
- An aunt, uncle, or grandparent of a child; or
- A person married to a person listed above.
- “School-related event” means an activity sponsored by either a school or an associated organization.

*The leave provided by this Act may consist of unpaid leave unless the parent elects to use any paid family, vacation, personal, compensatory, or leave bank leave that has been provided by the employer.

Any employee shall notify the employer of the desire for leave to attend a school-related event at least 10 calendar days prior to the event, unless the need to attend the school-related event cannot be reasonably foreseen.

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