



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB5221

Introduced 2/9/2024, by Rep. Yolonda Morris

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1305/10-80 new

Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, the Department of Human Services shall establish and administer a program that provides parents or guardians of children enrolled in a qualifying day care facility reimbursements of paid child care expenses for up to 5 sick days each calendar year. Provides that the reimbursement rate for sick days shall be determined by the Department by rule. Requires claims for reimbursement to be made to the Department by the qualifying day care facility on behalf of a parent or guardian who submits a receipt and any other required documentation that demonstrates the parent or guardian has satisfied all payment obligations for the claimed sick day. Provides that upon the Department's determination that reimbursement is proper, a reimbursement shall be made to the qualifying day care facility which shall then credit the parent or guardian the reimbursement amount. Provides that parents and guardians and any other relatives who receive child care assistance under the Department's Child Care Assistance Program are not eligible for sick day reimbursements under the amendatory Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 10-80 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-80 new)

7 Sec. 10-80. Day care reimbursement for sick days.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "qualifying day care
9 facility" means a day care center, day care home, or group day
10 care home licensed under the Child Care Act of 1969.

11 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human
12 Services shall establish and administer a program that
13 provides parents or guardians of children enrolled in a
14 qualifying day care facility reimbursements of paid child care
15 expenses for up to 5 sick days each calendar year. The
16 reimbursement rate for sick days shall be determined by the
17 Department by rule. Claims for reimbursement shall be made to
18 the Department by the qualifying day care facility on behalf
19 of a parent or guardian who submits a receipt and any other
20 required documentation that demonstrates the parent or
21 guardian has satisfied all payment obligations for the claimed
22 sick day. Upon the Department's determination that
23 reimbursement is proper, a reimbursement shall be made to the

1 qualifying day care facility which shall then credit the
2 parent or guardian the reimbursement amount. Parents and
3 guardians and any other relatives who receive child care
4 assistance under Section 9A-11 of the Illinois Public Aid Code
5 are not eligible for a reimbursement under this Section. The
6 Department may adopt any rules necessary to implement this
7 Section.