## HOUSE BILL NO. 758

# INTRODUCED BY BARNHART, HARPER, BLAYLOCK

	IN THE HOUSE
FEBRUARY 12, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 19, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 20, 1991	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 25, 1991	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 26, 1991	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 64; NOES, 34.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.
	IN THE SENATE
FEBRUARY 26, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 14, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 16, 1991	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 18, 1991	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 29; NOES, 20.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS.
	IN THE HOUSE
MARCH 21, 1991	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
	SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 23, 1991	THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS

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MARCH 25, 1991	REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.
MARCH 26, 1991	SIGNED BY PRESIDENT.
	SIGNED BY SPEAKER.
	DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.
APRIL 1, 1991	RETURNED FROM GOVERNOR WITH RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS.
APRIL 8, 1991	SECOND READING, GOVERNOR'S AMENDMENTS NOT CONCURRED IN.
	IN THE SENATE
APRIL 19, 1991	SECOND READING, GOVERNOR'S AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.
APRIL 20, 1991	THIRD READING, GOVERNOR'S AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.
	IN THE HOUSE.
APRIL 22, 1991	ON MOTION, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.
APRIL 24, 1991	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTED.
	IN THE SENATE
APRIL 24, 1991	ON MOTION, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.
	IN THE HOUSE
APRIL 25, 1991	SECOND READING, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED.
	THIRD READING, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED.
	IN THE SENATE

APRIL 25, 1991 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 30, 1991

SENT TO ENROLLING.

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#### MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on State Administration having had under consideration House Bill No. 758 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that House Bill No. 758 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

1. Title, line 6. Following: "ARE" Strike: "NATURAL" Insert: "BIRTH"

2. Title, line 7. Following: "CHILDREN" Strike: "UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE"

3. Page 1, line 25.
Following: "children."
Insert: "(1)"

4. Page 2, line 1. Following: "develop" Strike: "an adoptive" Insert: "a"

5. Page 2, line 5.
Following: "leave"
Insert: ", immediately following the birth or placement of a child."

6. Page 2, lines 8 and 9. Strike: "[1]" on line 8 Insert: "(a)" Following: "CHILD" on line 8 Strike: "UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

7. Page 2, line 10. Strike: "(2)" Insert: "(b)"

8. Page 2, line 10. Strike: "NATURAL" Insert: "birth"

Page 2.
 Following: line 10
 Insert: "(2) As used in this section "placement" means placement for adoption as defined in 40-8-103."

10. Page 3, lines 19 and 20.
Following: "employee" on line 19
Strike: "adopting a child under 1 year of age"
Insert: "who is eligible for parental leave under the provisions of [section 1]"

Signed: Eleanor Vaughn, Chairman

1 3-14-91 Mad. Coord.

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1. Page 2, lines 7 and 8
Strike: "the same amount of time authorized for MATERNAL leave <u>DUE TO DISABILITY</u> following the birth of a child"
Insert: "a period not to exceed 10 working days"

### Conference Committee on House Bill 758 Report No. 1, April 24, 1991

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Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

We, your Conference Committee on House Bill 758 met and considered Governor's amendments to House Bill 758, dated April 1, 1991, and recommend that House Bill 758 (reference copy -- salmon) be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, lines 7 and 8.

Strike: "the same amount of time authorized for MATERNAL leave

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Insert: "a period not to exceed 15 working days"

And this Conference Committee report be adopted.

For the House:

For the Senate:

Rep. Barnhart, Chair

Sen. Kennedy, Chair

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