- (a) Each employee subject to this subtitle is entitled to sick leave with pay as provided in this subtitle.
  - (b) Sick leave may be used:
    - (1) for illness or disability of the employee;
    - (2) for death, illness, or disability in the employee's immediate family; [or]
    - (3) FOLLOWING THE BIRTH OF THE EMPLOYEE'S CHILD; OR
    - (4) when a child is placed with the employee for adoption.

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- (A) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:
- (I) ALL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING CLASSIFIED, UNCLASSIFIED, FULL-TIME, PART TIME, PERMANENT, AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES, OF ALL UNITS IN-THE-EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ANY UNIT WITH AN INDEPENDENT PERSONNEL SYSTEM:
- (II) ALL CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND.
  - (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES.
- (B) With the approval of the head of the employee's principal department or other independent unit, an employee who is {primarily} responsible for the care and nurturing of a child may use, WITHOUT CERTIFICATION OF ILLNESS OR DISABILITY, up to 30 days of accrued sick leave to care for the child during the period immediately following:
  - (1) THE BIRTH OF THE EMPLOYEE'S CHILD; OR
  - (2) the placement of the child with the employee for adoption.
- (B) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE HEAD OF THE EMPLOYEE'S PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OR OTHER INDEPENDENT UNIT, AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS SECONDARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE AND NURTURING OF A CHILD MAY USE, WITHOUT CERTIFICATION OF ILLNESS OR DISABILITY, UP TO 10 DAYS OF ACCRUED SICK LEAVE TO CARE FOR THE CHILD DURING THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING:
  - (1) THE BIRTH OF THE EMPLOYEE'S CHILD; OR
- (2) THE PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD WITH THE EMPLOYEE FOR ADOPTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

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