



An Bille um Shaoire Do Thuismitheoirí (Leasú), 2017
Parental Leave (Amendment) Bill 2017

Meabhrán Míitheach
Explanatory Memorandum



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Purpose of the Bill

This Bill seeks to extend the current entitlement of parents to parental leave from 18 weeks to 26 weeks.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 deals with interpretation and defines the Principal Act.

Sections 2 and *3* provide for a change of entitlement to parental leave. They amend section 6 and 7 of the Parental Leave Act 1998, as amended, by extending the current 18 weeks entitlement to 26 weeks.

These sections also provide for an extra 8 weeks parental leave to be taken by parents who have a qualifying child but who have already taken the maximum 18 weeks leave as currently applies.

Section 4 sets out the short title and collective citation.

*Deputies Róisín Shortall and Catherine Murphy,
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