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AAF Research Finds Nationwide Paid Family Leave Proposal Could Cost Between \$160-\$997 Billion

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Recent proposals to provide for 12 weeks of paid family leave would be extremely expensive and still fall short of covering the costs, new research from the American Action Forum (@AAF) found. The AAF research analyzed recent proposals to provide paid family leave, including the FAMILY Act. According to the analysis, the FAMILY Act could cost anywhere from \$159.6 billion to \$997.4 billion per year, as each worker who takes 12 weeks of paid leave would cost the government an average of \$6,700. Meanwhile, the 0.4 percent payroll tax would only raise \$30.6 billion per year. The AAF research found that the payroll tax would need to be increased to 2.1 percent in order to fully pay for the cost of the proposal.

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