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To extend protections to part-time workers in the areas of family and medical leave and to ensure equitable treatment in the workplace.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms. DELAUR, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. PORTER, Mr. McGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Ms. CHU) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, Oversight and Accountability, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To extend protections to part-time workers in the areas of family and medical leave and to ensure equitable treatment in the workplace.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Part-Time Worker Bill  
5       of Rights Act”.

**1 SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

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**3 TITLE I—EXPANDING ACCESS TO  
4 BENEFITS FOR PART-TIME  
5 WORKERS**

**6 SEC. 101. ELIMINATION OF HOURS OF SERVICE REQUIRE-  
7 MENT FOR FMLA LEAVE.**

**8 (a) AMENDMENT.—**Section 101(2)(A) of the Family  
9 and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2611(2)(A))  
10 is amended to read as follows:

**11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—**The term ‘eligible em-  
12 ployee’ means an employee who has been em-  
13 ployed for at least 90 days by the employer with  
14 respect to whom leave is requested under sec-  
15 tion 102.”.

**16 (b) AMENDMENTS TO RELATED STATUTES.—**

**17 (1) CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF  
18 1995.—**Section 202(a)(2)(B) of the Congressional

1       Accountability   Act     of   1995   (2   U.S.C.  
2       1312(a)(2)(B)) is amended by striking “12 months  
3       and for at least 1,250 hours of employment during  
4       the previous 12 months” and inserting “at least 90  
5       days”.

6                   (2) TITLE 3, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section  
7       412(a)(2)(B) of title 3, United States Code, is  
8       amended by striking “12 months and for at least  
9       1,250 hours of employment during the previous 12  
10      months” and inserting “at least 90 days”.

11                  (3) TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.—Chapter  
12      63 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

13                   (A) in section 6381(1)(B), by striking “at  
14       least 12 months of service” and inserting “at  
15       least 90 days of service”; and

16                   (B) in section 6382(d)(2)(E), by striking  
17       “at least 12 months of service” and inserting  
18       “at least 90 days of service”.

19                  (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

20                  (1) Section 101(2) of the Family and Medical  
21       Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2611(2)) is amend-  
22       ed—

23                   (A) by striking subparagraphs (C) and  
24       (D); and

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as subparagraph (C).

5       (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
6 subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall take effect beginning  
7 on the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment  
8 of this Act.

**9 TITLE II—ENSURING FAIR  
10 TREATMENT FOR PART-TIME  
11 AND TEMPORARY WORKERS**

## 12 SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.

13 In this title:

17                   (2) EMPLOYEE.—The term “employee” means  
18                   an individual who is—

(B) a State employee described in section 304(a) of the Government Employee Rights Act of 1991 (42 U.S.C. 2000e-16c(a));

(C) a covered employee, as defined in section 101 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301), except that such term shall not include an applicant for employment;

(D) a covered employee, as defined in section 411(c) of title 3, United States Code;

(E) a Federal officer or employee covered under subchapter V of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code; or

(F) an employee of the Government Accountability Office.

(3) EMPLOYER.—The term “employer”—

(A)(i) means any person in commerce  
that—

(I) employs more than 15 employees described in paragraph (2)(A), which shall be calculated by including all employees described in paragraph (2)(A) performing work for compensation on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis, except that if the number of such employees who perform

1           work for such a person for compensation  
2           fluctuates, the number may be determined  
3           for a calendar year based upon the average  
4           number of such employees who performed  
5           work for the person for compensation dur-  
6           ing the preceding calendar year; or

7           (II) is part of an integrated enter-  
8           prise, chain of businesses, group of fran-  
9           chises associated with a franchisor, or net-  
10          work of franchises that, in the aggregate,  
11          employs more than 15 employees, cal-  
12          culated in accordance with subclause (I);

13          (ii) includes—

14           (I) any person who acts, directly or  
15           indirectly, in the interest of such an em-  
16           ployer to any of the employees (described  
17           in clause (i)) of such employer; and

18           (II) any successor in interest of such  
19           an employer; and

20          (iii) includes an agency described in sub-  
21          paragraph (A)(iii) of section 101(4) of the  
22          Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29  
23          U.S.C. 2611(4)), to which subparagraph (B) of  
24          such section shall apply;

5 (C) is an employing office, as defined in  
6 section 101 of the Congressional Accountability  
7 Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301);

(D) is an employing office, as defined in section 411(c) of title 3, United States Code;

10 (E) is an employing agency covered under  
11 subchapter V of chapter 63 of title 5, United  
12 States Code; or

15                             (4) PERSON.—The term “person”, except as  
16                             used with the term “person in commerce”, has the  
17                             meaning given the term in section 3(a) of the Fair  
18                             Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(a)).

19 (5) PERSON IN COMMERCE.—

(B) COMMERCE.—In subparagraph (A),  
the term “commerce” includes government.

3                             (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4                             the Secretary of Labor.

**5 SEC. 202. ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS  
6 OF HOURS WORKED.**

**7 (a) RULE.—**

19 (A) rate of compensation;

20 (B) notice of, and input into, work hours;

(C) eligibility to accrue, on a pro rata basis, employer-provided paid and unpaid time off and other benefits;

(D) promotion opportunities; or

(E) other terms, conditions, or privileges of employment.

3       (b) DISTINCTIONS PERMITTED.—This section shall  
4 not be construed to prohibit differences in rate of com-  
5 pensation, or other conditions, terms, or privileges of em-  
6 ployment, of employees of an employer for reasons other  
7 than the number of hours the employees are scheduled to  
8 work per week, or the expected duration of employment  
9 of the employees, including for reasons such as—

- 10                   (1) the date on which the employees are hired;
- 11                   (2) a merit system; or
- 12                   (3) a system that measures earnings by quan-
- 13                    tity per hour or quality of production.

#### 14 SEC. 203. OFFER OF WORK TO EXISTING EMPLOYEES.

15                             (a) WRITTEN STATEMENTS REQUIRED.—Upon hir-  
16 ing an employee, an employer shall—  
17                                 (1) obtain a written statement of the employee's  
18 desired number of weekly work hours and the days  
19 and times the employee is available to work;  
20                                 (2) notify the employee that this written state-  
21 ment may be modified in writing at any time during  
22 employment; and  
23                                 (3) specify the process to modify the written  
24 statement.

1       (b) OFFER OF DESIRED WEEKLY WORK HOURS TO  
2 EXISTING EMPLOYEES.—

3                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
4 graph (2), an employer shall schedule an employee  
5 to work the number of weekly hours identified by the  
6 employee as desired weekly hours in a written state-  
7 ment under subsection (a) prior to hiring any new  
8 employee from an external applicant pool, including  
9 hiring through the use of a temporary services or  
10 staffing agency, or contracting with a contractor or  
11 subcontractor, to work such hours.

12                 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—An employer may hire an  
13 individual as a new employee, or engage a contractor  
14 or subcontractor, to perform work for the employer  
15 if—

16                     (A) the employer needs to fill hours for  
17 which no existing employees who have provided  
18 written statements under subsection (a) are  
19 available based on such written statements;

20                     (B) all existing employees who have pro-  
21 vided written statements under subsection (a)  
22 lack, and cannot obtain with reasonable train-  
23 ing, the qualifications necessary to perform the  
24 work; or

**8 (c) COMPENSATION REQUIRED.—**

- 1                             (A) the employee lacks, or cannot obtain  
2                             with reasonable training, the qualifications nec-  
3                             essary to perform the work;  
4                             (B) scheduling such employee to perform  
5                             the work would require providing the employee  
6                             overtime compensation as described in sub-  
7                             section (b)(2)(C);  
8                             (C) the employer made a reasonable at-  
9                             tempt to contact the employee to work such  
10                             hour and was unable to reach the employee; or  
11                             (D) the employee was otherwise no longer  
12                             available.

13                         (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the  
14                         terms “written”, with respect to a statement, and “writ-  
15                         ing” mean a printed or printable communication in phys-  
16                         ical or electronic form.

17                         **SEC. 204. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

18                         (a) INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS.—It shall be un-  
19                         lawful for any employer to interfere with, restrain, or deny  
20                         the exercise or the attempt to exercise, any rights set forth  
21                         under this title.

22                         (b) RETALIATION PROHIBITED.—It shall be unlawful  
23                         for any employer to discharge, threaten to discharge, de-  
24                         mote, suspend, reduce work hours of, or otherwise dis-  
25                         criminate (including taking any other adverse employment

1 action) against any person because of an employee of the  
2 employer exercising the rights of the employee under this  
3 title or opposing any practice made unlawful by this title.

4       (c) INTERFERENCE WITH PROCEEDINGS OR INQUIR-  
5 IES.—It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or  
6 in any other manner discriminate against an individual be-  
7 cause such individual—

8           (1) has filed any charge, or has instituted or  
9 caused to be instituted any proceeding, under or re-  
10 lated to this title;

11           (2) has given, or is about to give, any informa-  
12 tion in connection with any inquiry or proceeding re-  
13 lating to any right provided under this title; or

14           (3) has testified, or is about to testify, in any  
15 inquiry or proceeding relating to any right provided  
16 under this title.

17 **SEC. 205. REMEDIES AND ENFORCEMENT.**

18       (a) INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY.—

19           (1) IN GENERAL.—To ensure compliance with  
20 this title, including any regulation or order issued  
21 under this title, the Secretary shall have, subject to  
22 paragraph (3), the investigative authority provided  
23 under section 11(a) of the Fair Labor Standards  
24 Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 211(a)).

1                             (2) OBLIGATION TO KEEP AND PRESERVE  
2                             RECORDS.—

3                             (A) IN GENERAL.—Each employer shall  
4                             maintain for a period of not less than 3 years,  
5                             or for the duration of any claim (including the  
6                             duration of a related civil action or investiga-  
7                             tion) pending pursuant to this title, whichever  
8                             is longer, all records necessary to demonstrate  
9                             compliance with this title, including compliance  
10                            with the requirements of regulations issued by  
11                            the Secretary under section 206. Such records  
12                            shall include documentation of offers of hours  
13                            of work to employees and responses to such of-  
14                            fers.

15                            (B) COPIES.—Each employer shall, upon a  
16                             reasonable request of an employee of the em-  
17                             ployer, provide the employee with a copy of the  
18                             records described in subparagraph (A) relating  
19                             to the employee.

20                            (3) REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS GENERALLY LIM-  
21                             ITED TO AN ANNUAL BASIS.—The Secretary shall  
22                             not require, under the authority of this subsection,  
23                             any employer to submit to the Secretary any books  
24                             or records more than once during any 12-month pe-  
25                             riod, unless the Secretary has reasonable cause to

1 believe there may exist a violation of this title, in-  
2 cluding any regulation or order issued pursuant to  
3 this title, or is investigating a charge pursuant to  
4 subsection (c).

5 (4) SUBPOENA POWERS.—For the purposes of  
6 any investigation provided for in this subsection, the  
7 Secretary shall have the subpoena authority provided  
8 for under section 9 of the Fair Labor Standards Act  
9 of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 209).

10 (b) CIVIL ACTION BY EMPLOYEES.—

11 (1) LIABILITY.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Any employer who vio-  
13 lates section 202, 203, or 204 (each such provi-  
14 sion referred to in this section as a “covered  
15 provision”) shall be liable to any person af-  
16 fected for—

17 (i) damages equal to the amount of—  
18 (I) any wages, salary, employ-  
19 ment benefits (as defined in section  
20 101 of the Family and Medical Leave  
21 Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2611)), or  
22 other compensation denied, lost, or  
23 owed to such employee by reason of  
24 the violation; or

(II) in a case in which wages, salary, employment benefits (as so defined), or other compensation have not been denied, lost, or owed to the employee, any actual monetary losses sustained by the employee as a direct result of the violation;

(ii) interest on the amount described in clause (i) calculated at the prevailing rate;

(iii) except as provided in subparagraph (B), an additional amount as liquidated damages equal to the sum of the amount described in clause (i) and the interest described in clause (ii); and

(iv) such equitable relief as may be appropriate, including employment, reinstatement, and promotion.

(B) EXCEPTION FOR LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.—If an employer who has violated a covered provision proves to the satisfaction of the court that the act or omission which violated the covered provision was in good faith and that the employer had reasonable grounds for believing that the act or omission was not a violation

1           of a covered provision, such court may, in the  
2           discretion of the court, reduce the amount of li-  
3           ability under subparagraph (A) to the amount,  
4           interest, and equitable relief determined under  
5           clauses (i), (ii), and (iv), respectively.

6           (2) RIGHT OF ACTION.—An action to recover  
7           the damages, interest, or equitable relief set forth in  
8           paragraph (1) may be maintained against any em-  
9           ployer (including a public agency) in any Federal or  
10          State court of competent jurisdiction by any one or  
11          more employees for and on behalf of—

12                 (A) such employees; or  
13                 (B) such employees and any other employ-  
14                 ees similarly situated.

15           (3) FEES AND COSTS.—The court in such an  
16          action shall, in addition to any judgment awarded to  
17          the plaintiff, allow a reasonable attorney's fee, rea-  
18          sonable expert witness fees, and other costs of the  
19          action to be paid by the defendant.

20           (4) LIMITATIONS.—The right provided by para-  
21          graph (2) to bring an action by or on behalf of any  
22          employee shall terminate on the filing of a complaint  
23          by the Secretary in an action under subsection (c)(4)  
24          in which a recovery is sought of the damages, inter-  
25          est, or equitable relief described in paragraph (1)(A)

1 owing to an employee by an employer liable under  
2 paragraph (1) unless the action is dismissed without  
3 prejudice on motion of the Secretary.

4 (c) ACTIONS BY THE SECRETARY.—

5 (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION.—The Secretary  
6 shall receive, investigate, and attempt to resolve  
7 complaints of violations of this title in the same  
8 manner that the Secretary receives, investigates, and  
9 attempts to resolve complaints of violations of sec-  
10 tions 6 and 7 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of  
11 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206 and 207), and may issue an  
12 order making determinations, and assessing a civil  
13 penalty described in paragraph (3) (in accordance  
14 with such paragraph), with respect to such an al-  
15 leged violation.

16 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.—An affected  
17 person who takes exception to an order issued under  
18 paragraph (1) may request review of and a decision  
19 regarding such an order by an administrative law  
20 judge. In reviewing the order, the administrative law  
21 judge may hold an administrative hearing con-  
22 cerning the order, in accordance with the require-  
23 ments of sections 554, 556, and 557 of title 5,  
24 United States Code. Such hearing shall be conducted  
25 expeditiously.

## 1                   (3) CIVIL PENALTY.—

2                   (A) IN GENERAL.—An employer who will-  
3                   fully and repeatedly violates—4                         (i) section 204(a) shall be subject to  
5                         a civil penalty in an amount to be deter-  
6                         mined by the Secretary, but not to be less  
7                         than \$500, or more than \$1,000, per viola-  
8                         tion (subject to subparagraph (B)); or9                         (ii) subsection (b) or (c) of section  
10                         204 shall be subject to a civil penalty in an  
11                         amount to be determined by the Secretary,  
12                         but not to be less than \$1,100, or more  
13                         than \$5,000, per violation (subject to sub-  
14                         paragraph (B)).15                   (B) INFLATION.—The Secretary shall, for  
16                         each year beginning with calendar year 2024,  
17                         increase the minimum and maximum amounts  
18                         for the penalties described in clauses (i) and (ii)  
19                         of subparagraph (A) by a percentage equal to  
20                         the percentage increase in the Consumer Price  
21                         Index for All Urban Consumers, published by  
22                         the Department of Labor, between December  
23                         2023 and the December prior to the year for  
24                         which the increase takes effect.

11 (4) CIVIL ACTION.—

15 (i) restrain violations of this title;

(B) RECOVERY ON BEHALF OF EMPLOYEES.—Any sums recovered by the Secretary

1           under subparagraph (A) on behalf of an em-  
2       ployee shall be held in a special deposit account  
3       and shall be paid, on order of the Secretary, di-  
4       rectly to the employee affected. Any such sums  
5       not paid to an employee because of inability to  
6       do so within a period of 3 years shall be depos-  
7       ited in the Treasury and credited to miscella-  
8       neous receipts.

9           (d) LIMITATION.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
11       graph (2), an action may be brought under this sec-  
12       tion not later than 2 years after the date of the last  
13       event constituting the alleged violation for which the  
14       action is brought.

15           (2) WILLFUL VIOLATION.—In the case of such  
16       action brought for a willful violation of section 204  
17       (as described in subsection (c)(3)), such action may  
18       be brought within 3 years of the date of the last  
19       event constituting the alleged violation for which  
20       such action is brought.

21           (3) COMMENCEMENT.—In determining when an  
22       action is commenced by the Secretary or by an em-  
23       ployee under this section for the purposes of this  
24       subsection, it shall be considered to be commenced  
25       on the date when the complaint is filed.

## 1       (e) OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS.—

2               (1) EMPLOYEES COVERED BY CONGRESSIONAL  
3               ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995.—The powers and  
4               procedures provided in the Congressional Account-  
5               ability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) to the  
6               Board (as defined in section 101 of that Act (2  
7               U.S.C. 1301)), or any person, alleging a violation of  
8               section 202(a)(1) of that Act (2 U.S.C. 1312(a)(1))  
9               shall be the powers and procedures this title provides  
10          to that Board, or any person, alleging a violation of  
11          this title against an employee described in section  
12          201(2)(C).

13               (2) EMPLOYEES COVERED BY CHAPTER 5 OF  
14          TITLE 3, UNITED STATES CODE.—The powers and  
15          procedures provided in chapter 5 of title 3, United  
16          States Code, to the President, the Merit Systems  
17          Protection Board, or any person, alleging a violation  
18          of section 412(a)(1) of that title, shall be the powers  
19          and procedures this title provides to the President,  
20          that Board, or any person, respectively, alleging a  
21          violation of this title against an employee described  
22          in section 201(2)(D).

23               (3) EMPLOYEES COVERED BY CHAPTER 63 OF  
24          TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.—The powers and  
25          procedures provided in title 5, United States Code,

1 to an employing agency, provided in chapter 12 of  
2 that title to the Merit Systems Protection Board, or  
3 provided in that title to any person, alleging a viola-  
4 tion of chapter 63 of that title, shall be the powers  
5 and procedures this title provides to that agency,  
6 that Board, or any person, respectively, alleging a  
7 violation of this title against an employee described  
8 in section 201(2)(E).

9 (4) COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—In the case of  
10 employees of the Government Accountability Office,  
11 the authority of the Secretary under this title shall  
12 be exercised by the Comptroller General of the  
13 United States.

14 **SEC. 206. REGULATIONS.**

15 (a) SECRETARY OF LABOR.—Except as provided in  
16 subsections (b) through (e), not later than 180 days after  
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue  
18 such regulations as may be necessary to implement this  
19 title.

20 (b) BOARD.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Board  
23 of Directors of the Office of Congressional Work-  
24 place Rights shall issue such regulations as may be  
25 necessary to implement this title with respect to em-

1 employees described in section 201(2)(C). The proce-  
2 dures applicable to regulations of the Board issued  
3 for the implementation of the Congressional Ac-  
4 countability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.),  
5 prescribed in section 304 of that Act (2 U.S.C.  
6 1384), shall be the procedures applicable to regula-  
7 tions issued under this subsection.

8 (2) CONSIDERATION.—In prescribing the regu-  
9 lations, the Board shall take into consideration the  
10 enforcement and remedies provisions concerning the  
11 Office and applicable to rights and protections under  
12 the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29  
13 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.), under the Congressional Ac-  
14 countability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.).

15 (3) MODIFICATIONS.—The regulations issued  
16 under paragraph (1) to implement this title shall be  
17 the same as substantive regulations issued by the  
18 Secretary to implement this title, except to the ex-  
19 tent that the Board may determine, for good cause  
20 shown and stated together with the regulations  
21 issued by the Board, that a modification of such  
22 substantive regulations would be more effective for  
23 the implementation of the rights and protections  
24 under this title.

25 (c) PRESIDENT.—

1                         (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Presi-  
3 dent shall issue such regulations as may be nec-  
4 essary to implement this title with respect to em-  
5 ployees described in section 201(2)(D).

6                         (2) CONSIDERATION.—In prescribing the regu-  
7 lations, the President shall take into consideration  
8 the enforcement and remedies provisions concerning  
9 the President and the Merit Systems Protection  
10 Board, and applicable to rights and protections  
11 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993,  
12 under chapter 5 of title 3, United States Code.

13                         (3) MODIFICATIONS.—The regulations issued  
14 under paragraph (1) to implement this title shall be  
15 the same as substantive regulations issued by the  
16 Secretary to implement this title, except to the ex-  
17 tent that the President may determine, for good  
18 cause shown and stated together with the regula-  
19 tions issued by the President, that a modification of  
20 such substantive regulations would be more effective  
21 for the implementation of the rights and protections  
22 under this title.

23                         (d) OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.—

24                         (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
25 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Office

1       of Personnel Management shall issue such regula-  
2       tions as may be necessary to implement this title  
3       with respect to employees described in section  
4       201(2)(E).

5                 (2) CONSIDERATION.—In prescribing the regu-  
6        lations, the Office shall take into consideration the  
7        enforcement and remedies provisions concerning an  
8        employing agency and the Merit Systems Protection  
9        Board under subchapter V of chapter 63 of title 5,  
10      United States Code.

11                (3) MODIFICATIONS.—The regulations issued  
12        under paragraph (1) to implement this title shall be  
13        the same as substantive regulations issued by the  
14        Secretary to implement this title, except to the ex-  
15        tent that the Office may determine, for good cause  
16        shown and stated together with the regulations  
17        issued by the Office, that a modification of such sub-  
18        stantive regulations would be more effective for the  
19        implementation of the rights and protections under  
20        this title.

21                (e) COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—

22                (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
23        after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
24        ptroller General of the United States shall issue such  
25        regulations as may be necessary to implement this

1 title with respect to employees of the Government  
2 Accountability Office.

3 (2) CONSIDERATION.—In prescribing the regu-  
4 lations, the Comptroller General shall take into con-  
5 sideration the enforcement and remedies provisions  
6 concerning the Comptroller General under title I of  
7 the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29  
8 U.S.C. 2611 et seq.).

9 (3) MODIFICATIONS.—The regulations issued  
10 under paragraph (1) to implement this title shall be  
11 the same as substantive regulations issued by the  
12 Secretary to implement this title, except to the ex-  
13 tent that the Comptroller General may determine,  
14 for good cause shown and stated together with the  
15 regulations issued by the Comptroller General, that  
16 a modification of such substantive regulations would  
17 be more effective for the implementation of the  
18 rights and protections under this title.

