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Voters oppose sick leave bill

Raleigh, N.C. – Only 35% of North Carolinians support a proposal in the legislature that would require employers to give workers a certain number of paid sick days each year, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

Opposition to the bill is particularly strong among Republicans (84%) and independents (71%). Democrats support the bill by the narrowest of margins (51/49).

African Americans and voters who identify themselves as liberals support the bill. A majority of every other demographic group PPP tracks by race, gender, age, ideology, and region is opposed.

“North Carolinians think that benefits should be determined by employers and employees on a case by case basis,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “They don’t think it’s something that should be mandated in a one size fits all fashion from Raleigh.”

Another bill working its way through the legislature, the School Violence Prevention Act, has a lot more support from voters in the state. 69% express support for it. That number is consistent with a PPP survey conducted last summer dealing strictly with the controversial sexual orientation provision of the bill, which showed 72% support.

A majority of voters in every demographic group supports the bill, including 55% of self identified conservatives and 51% of Republicans.

The survey also found 80% of North Carolinians support investment in clean energy.

PPP surveyed 1,000 North Carolina voters from March 12th to 15th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.1%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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North Carolina Survey Results

Q1 There is a proposal in the General Assembly that would require all employers to provide workers with a certain amount of paid sick leave. Do you think the state should mandate amounts of paid sick leave, or do you think that it should be up to employers and employees on an individual basis to determine this? If you think the state should mandate amounts of paid sick leave, press 1. If you think it should be up to employers and employees on an individual basis, press 2.

State Mandates Paid Sick Leave 35%
Employers Determine Sick Leave 65%

Q2 Some people believe that an important way to boost our economy is to invest in clean energy, which will create new jobs and reduce our dependence on oil. Do you agree? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2.

Yes 80%
No 20%

Q3 There is currently a proposal in the General Assembly that would require schools to protect children from bullying, including harassment based on their race, sexual orientation, and other categories. Do you think this provision should be passed into law? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2.

Yes 69%
No 31%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal 18%
Moderate 40%
Conservative 41%

Q5 Would you describe the community you live in as urban, suburban, rural, or a small town? If urban, press 1. If suburban, press 2. If rural, press 3. If a small town, press 4.

Urban 12%
Suburban 28%
Rural 31%
Small Town 29%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man 46%

Q7 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 47%
Republican 36%
Independent/Other 17%

Q8 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 76%
African-American 21%
Other 3%

Q9 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29 15%
30 to 45 25%
46 to 65 40%
Older than 65 20%





Q10

252.....	13%
336.....	20%
704.....	19%
828.....	15%
910.....	11%
919.....	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Paid Sick Leave				
State Mandates Paid Sick Leave	35%	61%	39%	20%
Employers Determine Sick Leave	65%	39%	61%	80%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Clean Energy				
Yes	80%	96%	87%	66%
No	20%	4%	13%	34%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bullying				
Yes	69%	91%	73%	55%
No	31%	9%	27%	45%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Paid Sick Leave					
State Mandates Paid Sick Leave	35%	41%	34%	35%	32%
Employers Determine Sick Leave	65%	59%	66%	65%	68%





Crosstabs

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Clean Energy					
Yes	80%	84%	84%	73%	82%
No	20%	16%	16%	27%	18%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Bullying					
Yes	69%	76%	65%	69%	70%
No	31%	24%	35%	31%	30%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paid Sick Leave			
State Mandates Paid Sick Leave	35%	38%	31%
Employers Determine Sick Leave	65%	62%	69%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Clean Energy			
Yes	80%	84%	75%
No	20%	16%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bullying			
Yes	69%	77%	59%
No	31%	23%	41%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Paid Sick Leave				
State Mandates Paid Sick Leave	35%	51%	16%	29%
Employers Determine Sick Leave	65%	49%	84%	71%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Clean Energy				
Yes	80%	91%	68%	74%
No	20%	9%	32%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bullying				
Yes	69%	86%	51%	62%
No	31%	14%	49%	38%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Paid Sick Leave				
State Mandates Paid Sick Leave	35%	30%	52%	40%
Employers Determine Sick Leave	65%	70%	48%	60%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Clean Energy				
Yes	80%	78%	89%	74%
No	20%	22%	11%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bullying				
Yes	69%	64%	86%	68%
No	31%	36%	14%	32%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paid Sick Leave					
State Mandates Paid Sick Leave	35%	43%	40%	35%	23%
Employers Determine Sick Leave	65%	57%	60%	65%	77%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Clean Energy					
Yes	80%	79%	80%	80%	79%
No	20%	21%	20%	20%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bullying					
Yes	69%	69%	64%	70%	74%
No	31%	31%	36%	30%	26%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Paid Sick Leave							
State Mandates Paid Sick Leave	35%	39%	31%	32%	29%	36%	42%
Employers Determine Sick Leave	65%	61%	69%	68%	71%	64%	58%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Clean Energy							
Yes	80%	80%	76%	81%	81%	74%	85%
No	20%	20%	24%	19%	19%	26%	15%



Crosstabs

		Area Code						
		Base	252	336	704	828	910	919
Bullying								
	Yes	69%	76%	67%	69%	66%	73%	66%
	No	31%	24%	33%	31%	34%	27%	34%