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I firmly support tensys law because i believe it would benefit families for many reasons. One issue parents run into is work due to a multitude of reasons including strict or limited schedules, having to leave early too often/ getting to work late/ or missing work because of childs needs. Some work places are willing to help parents find a good schedule to match their needs or excuse abscences with a leave of abscence. It can be difficult for businesses to do this because they may have to hire additional staff and if they use prior year projections of work hours and labor a multitude of abscences can throw numbers off limiting approved hours for future scheduling. A part time schedule can work to limit these issues but you never know what could happen. My autistic son is turning six soon and has had a few incidents in his school which led to me picking him up early. A few of these incidents being sickness, being hurt by another student unintentionally, him accidentally hurting himself, and having a melt down. If you still have to miss work to attend to your child while being part time that limits your income further. your employeer may be forced to further limit your hours in favor of a reliable worker. Being a paid care giver for their disabled child would be a big benefit and much better than using food stamps/ tanf/ and erdc to supplement. In many of the cases where i picked my son up early from school it would be the same in a day care setting so erdc wouldnt be helpful in these situations. Adding on that some parents can have a hard time balancing work schedule, care taking for their child, and sleep if their child has a lot of extra needs. If work became care taking for their child then overall health of family would go up due to stable income, care for child, and adequate time for sleep.