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**(S.D.)-Representative Noem Co-Sponsors Bill Allowing Comp Time**



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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - Rep. Kristi Noem of South Dakota has joined in introducing a bill that would allow private-sector businesses to offer employees a choice between getting cash or paid time off for overtime.

Noem says current law restricts private businesses from offering their employees paid time off, often called comp time, in exchange for working overtime.

She says the bill would keep current employee protections in law, including the 40-hour work week. She says the measure would allow businesses and employees to agree to use comp time.

Noem says the bill would give working parents a chance to get comp time to spend more time with their families.