

Today's Lead: Deal on Paid Sick Leave

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The city is set force companies that employ over 15 people to give full-time employees [5 compensated days off a year](#)

. The news comes as Council Speaker Christine Quinn who has blocked a vote on paid sick leave for years reached a deal last night

[with labor and business leaders](#)

. The law wouldn't take effect until spring 2014 and for the first 8 months it would only apply to businesses with 20 or more employees.

[Political pressure mounted](#)

on mayoral candidate Quinn over the last few weeks as her opponents and advocates attacked her on her refusal to bring the issue to a vote. Mayor Michael Bloomberg

[is opposed](#)

to paid sick leave and like Quinn has said it will hurt business. The council will have to vote on the legislation and likely override a veto from Bloomberg. "We have a good, strong and sensible piece of legislation that recognizes the needs of everyday New Yorkers and the realities that our struggling small businesses face," Quinn said in a statement.

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