Amid Yahoo telecommuting furor, worker absence policy deserves a second look

By Jeff Nowak
Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer stirred up a furor last week when she banned telecommuting in the company. By coincidence, the debate came around the 20th anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act, signed in February 1993 by President Bill Clinton. That group-breaking law has allowed new parents to take time off from work to care for newborns, and workers to care for their sick relatives. Now, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and a handful of advocates are calling for a remake of the FMLA. This month marks the law’s 20th anniversary.

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