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**SENATE BILL 23-105**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO ENSURE EQUAL**  
102                    **PAY FOR EQUAL WORK, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103                    **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Current law authorizes the director of the division of labor standards and statistics in the department of labor and employment (director) to create and administer a process to accept and mediate complaints, to provide legal resources concerning alleged wage inequity, and to promulgate rules as necessary for this purpose. The bill changes

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these authorizations to requirements.

Additionally, the bill requires the director to:

- Investigate complaints or other leads concerning wage inequity;
- Upon finding of a violation, order compliance and relief; and
- Promulgate rules to enforce the bill.

The bill also requires an employer to:

- For each job opportunity or promotional opportunity where the employer is considering more than one candidate, follow specific guidelines for posting the opportunity;
- For all job opportunities and promotional opportunities, provide specific information to employees regarding the candidate selected for the opportunity; and
- For all objectively defined career progressions, disclose the requirements for career progression and the terms of compensation, benefits, status, duties, and access to further advancement.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-5-101, **add** (1.3),  
3 (1.5), (5.5),      and (8.5) as follows:

4 **8-5-101. Definitions.** As used in this article 5, unless the context  
5 otherwise requires:

6 (1.3) "CAREER DEVELOPMENT" MEANS A CHANGE TO AN  
7 EMPLOYEE'S TERMS OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, FULL-TIME OR  
8 PART-TIME STATUS, DUTIES, OR ACCESS TO FURTHER ADVANCEMENT IN  
9 ORDER TO UPDATE THE EMPLOYEE'S JOB TITLE OR COMPENSATE THE  
10 EMPLOYEE TO REFLECT WORK PERFORMED OR CONTRIBUTIONS ALREADY  
11 MADE BY THE EMPLOYEE.

12 (1.5) "CAREER PROGRESSION" MEANS A REGULAR OR AUTOMATIC  
13 MOVEMENT FROM ONE POSITION TO ANOTHER BASED ON TIME IN A SPECIFIC  
14 ROLE OR OTHER OBJECTIVE METRICS.

15 (5.5) (a) "JOB OPPORTUNITY" MEANS A CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED

1 VACANCY FOR WHICH THE EMPLOYER IS CONSIDERING A CANDIDATE OR  
2 CANDIDATES OR INTERVIEWING A CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES OR THAT  
3 THE EMPLOYER EXTERNALLY POSTS.

4 (b) "JOB OPPORTUNITY" DOES NOT INCLUDE CAREER DEVELOPMENT  
5 OR CAREER PROGRESSION.

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7 (8.5) "VACANCY" MEANS AN OPEN POSITION, WHETHER AS A  
8 RESULT OF A NEWLY CREATED POSITION OR A VACATED POSITION.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-5-103, **amend** (1)  
10 and (3) as follows:

11 **8-5-103. Enforcement - rules - complaints.** (1) (a) The director  
12 ~~is authorized to~~ SHALL:

13 (I) Create and administer a process to accept ~~and mediate~~  
14 complaints and ~~to~~ provide legal resources concerning alleged violations  
15 of section 8-5-102 and ~~to~~ SHALL promulgate rules as necessary for this  
16 purpose;

17 (II) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, CREATE AND ADMINISTER A  
18 PROCESS TO MEDIATE COMPLAINTS REGARDING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF  
19 SECTION 8-5-102 AND PROMULGATE RULES AS NECESSARY FOR THIS  
20 PURPOSE;

21 (III) INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS OR OTHER LEADS CONCERNING  
22 EMPLOYER VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 8-5-102, EXCEPT IF THE COMPLAINT  
23 CONCERNS THE STATE OF COLORADO AS THE EMPLOYER, THAT, IN THE  
24 DIRECTOR'S GOOD FAITH DISCRETION AND JUDGMENT, WARRANT  
25 INVESTIGATION;

26 (IV) UPON FINDING OF A VIOLATION OF SECTION 8-5-102, ORDER  
27 COMPLIANCE AND RELIEF AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PART 1; AND

1            (V) PROMULGATE RULES TO ENFORCE THIS ARTICLE 5.

2            (b) FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING A VIOLATION OF THIS  
3 PART 1, THE DIRECTOR MAY APPLY THE INFORMATION-GATHERING  
4 PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1 OF THIS TITLE 8 TO AN EMPLOYER, EMPLOYEE,  
5 OR OTHER PERSON.

6            (c) The process created and administered by the director,  
7 INCLUDING THE RULES FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED COMPLAINTS  
8 FOR VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 8-5-102 AND ANY FINES LEVIED OR  
9 CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR, does not affect or prevent  
10 the right of an aggrieved person from commencing a civil action pursuant  
11 to subsection (2) of this section.

12            (3) A person aggrieved by a violation of section 8-5-102 may  
13 obtain relief for back pay for the entire time the violation continues, not  
14 to exceed ~~three~~ SIX years.

15            **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 8-5-201 as  
16 follows:

17            **8-5-201. Employment opportunities - opportunities for**  
18 **promotion or advancement - pay rates in job listings.** (1)        An  
19 employer shall make reasonable efforts to announce, post, or otherwise  
20 make known ~~all opportunities for promotion~~ EACH JOB OPPORTUNITY         
21 to all ~~current~~ employees on the same calendar day and prior to ~~making a~~  
22 ~~promotion decision~~ THE DATE ON WHICH THE EMPLOYER MAKES A  
23 SELECTION DECISION; EXCEPT THAT AN EMPLOYER IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
24 ANNOUNCE, POST, OR OTHERWISE MAKE KNOWN A JOB OPPORTUNITY THAT  
25 IS LIMITED TO A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS OR LESS AND IF THERE IS AN  
26 IMMEDIATE NEED TO HIRE A PERSON TO ENSURE ACCESS TO CHILD CARE OR  
27 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

1           (2) AN EMPLOYER MUST IN GOOD FAITH DISCLOSE THE FOLLOWING  
2           IN THE NOTIFICATION OF EACH JOB OPPORTUNITY;

3           (a) THE HOURLY OR SALARY COMPENSATION OR THE RANGE OF THE  
4           HOURLY OR SALARY COMPENSATION;

5           (b) A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BENEFITS AND OTHER  
6           COMPENSATION APPLICABLE TO THE JOB OPPORTUNITY; AND

7           (c) THE DATE THE APPLICATION WINDOW IS ANTICIPATED TO  
8           CLOSE.

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10          ~~(2) (3) An employer shall disclose in each posting for each job~~  
11          ~~opening the hourly or salary compensation, or a range of the hourly or~~  
12          ~~salary compensation, and a general description of all of the benefits and~~  
13          ~~other compensation to be offered to the hired applicant. MAKE~~  
14          REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ANNOUNCE, POST, OR OTHERWISE MAKE KNOWN,  
15          WITHIN THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER A CANDIDATE WHO IS SELECTED  
16          TO FILL A JOB OPPORTUNITY BEGINS WORKING IN THE POSITION, THE  
17          FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO, AT A MINIMUM, THE EMPLOYEES WITH  
18          WHOM THE EMPLOYER INTENDS THE SELECTED CANDIDATE TO WORK WITH  
19          REGULARLY:

20          (a) THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE SELECTED FOR THE JOB  
21          OPPORTUNITY;

22          (b) THE SELECTED CANDIDATE'S FORMER JOB TITLE IF SELECTED  
23          WHILE ALREADY EMPLOYED BY THE EMPLOYER;

24          (c) THE SELECTED CANDIDATE'S NEW JOB TITLE; AND

25          (d) INFORMATION ON HOW EMPLOYEES MAY DEMONSTRATE  
26          INTEREST IN SIMILAR JOB OPPORTUNITIES        IN THE FUTURE, INCLUDING  
27          IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS OR DEPARTMENTS TO WHOM THE EMPLOYEES

1 CAN EXPRESS INTEREST IN SIMILAR JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

2 (4) FOR POSITIONS WITH CAREER PROGRESSION, AN EMPLOYER  
3 SHALL DISCLOSE AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES THE  
4 REQUIREMENTS FOR CAREER PROGRESSION, IN ADDITION TO EACH  
5 POSITION'S TERMS OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME  
6 STATUS, DUTIES, AND ACCESS TO FURTHER ADVANCEMENT.

7 (5) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES AN EMPLOYER TO  
8 IDENTIFY A SELECTED CANDIDATE FOR A JOB OPPORTUNITY      IN ANY  
9 MANNER THAT VIOLATES THE CANDIDATE'S PRIVACY RIGHTS UNDER  
10 APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW OR IN A MANNER THAT  
11 WOULD PLACE AT RISK THE SELECTED CANDIDATE'S HEALTH OR SAFETY.

12 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal  
13 year, \$292,590 is appropriated to the department of labor and  
14 employment. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement  
15 this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

16 (a) \$250,294 for use by division of labor standards and statistics  
17 for program costs related to labor standards, which amount is based on an  
18 assumption that the department will require an additional 2.1 FTE; and

19 (b) \$42,296 for the purchase of legal services.

20 (2) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$42,296 is appropriated to  
21 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds  
22 received from the department of labor and employment under subsection  
23 (1)(b) of this section and is based on an assumption that the department  
24 of law will require an additional 0.2 FTE. To implement this act, the  
25 department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for  
26 the department of labor and employment.

27 (3) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$119,848 is appropriated to

1 the department of personnel for use by the division of human resources.  
2 This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
3 department may use this appropriation as follows:

4 (a) \$97,813 for personal services related to state agency services,  
5 which amount is based on an assumption that the department will require  
6 an additional 1.2 FTE; and

7 (b) \$22,035 for operating expenses related to state agency  
8 services.

9 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
10 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect January 1, 2024; except that, if a  
11 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
12 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
13 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general  
14 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless  
15 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November  
16 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official  
17 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

18 (2) Section 8-5-201, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended in  
19 section 3 of this act, applies to promotions, career progressions, and  
20 career developments that take place on or after the applicable effective  
21 date of this act.