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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EQUAL PAY DATA COLLECTION
AND REPORTING

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, and Goldin

Date Introduced: March 15, 2018

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 28 of the General Laws entitled "LABOR AND LABOR
2 RELATIONS" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 5.2

4 EQUAL PAY DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

5 **28-5.2-1. Definitions.**

6 As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the following
7 meanings:

8 (1) "Compensation" means an employee's total W-2 earnings for a twelve (12) month
9 period.

10 (2) "Department" means the department of labor and training.

11 (3) "Employee" means a permanent full or part-time employee, including apprentices and
12 on-the-job trainees.

13 (4) "Employer" means an employer, including state contractors and subcontractors, with
14 one hundred (100) or more employees.

15 (5) "Establishment of the employer" means the physical address at which an employer
16 does business.

17 (6) "Job category" means the job categories used on the federal Equal Employment
18 Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) EEO-1 forms.

1 **28-5.2-2. Equal pay data collection and reporting requirements.**

2 (a) Pursuant to § 28-42-38 every employer that has one hundred (100) employees shall
3 provide a report each year to the department, in a form issued by regulation promulgated by the
4 department, which report shall contain information regarding the compensation and hours worked
5 of employees by gender, race, ethnicity, and job category. Data regarding compensation and
6 hours worked of employees shall be reported in the form by pay bands to be established by
7 regulation promulgated by the department. The department may establish a standard presumption
8 for the number of hours worked by a full-time employee or by a part-time employee for whom an
9 employer does not track actual hours worked. Provided, further, an employer shall provide a
10 report pursuant to this section for each establishment of the employer.

11 (b) An employer shall retain at all times, a copy of the most recent report filed and shall
12 make the report available if requested by an officer, agent, or employee of the department.

13 (c) Any employer failing or refusing to file a report when required to do so may be
14 compelled to file by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, upon application of the
15 department.

16 (d) The department shall develop procedures for using and comparing data from reports
17 in an industry or geographic area to guide enforcement priorities.

18 (e) The department shall annually publish aggregate data compiled from the reports,
19 including, but not limited to, state, regional, and industry pay disparities by occupational
20 category.

21 (f) The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the
22 content and the timely and proper filing of reports pursuant to this chapter.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require an employer of one hundred (100) or more employees to annually
2 report information regarding the compensation and hours worked of employees by gender, race,
3 ethnicity, and job category to the department of labor and training.

4 This act would take effect on July 1, 2019.

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