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HB No. 742

Abstract: Includes all public employers in the Louisiana Equal Pay for Women Act.

<u>Present law</u> created the Louisiana Equal Pay for Women Act which provides that no employer may discriminate against an employee on the basis of sex by paying wages to that employee at a rate less than that paid to an employee of a different sex for the same or substantially similar work.

Present law defines "employee" as both:

- (1) Any individual employed to work 40 or more hours a week.
- (2) Any female individual employed by the employer.

<u>Present law</u> defines "employer" as any department, office, division, agency, commission, board, committee, or other organizational unit of the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> extends the definition of "employer" to specifically include local governmental subdivisions, political subdivisions, and any agency or department under the local subdivision.

(Amends R.S. 23:663(3))