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Introduced by Sen. MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to implementing a state policy of setting salaries on the basis of equivalent value of work

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 118 of the civil
2 service law, as added by chapter 790 of the laws of 1958, is amended and
3 three new paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) are added to read as follows:

4 (c) The principle of fair and equal pay for similar work and for
5 equivalent value of work shall be followed in the classification and
6 reclassification and the allocation and reallocation of positions pursu-
7 ant to this article and all positions having the same title shall be
8 allocated to the same salary grade. Equivalent value of work shall mean
9 titles or position classifications that are equal within the meaning of
10 the Equal Pay Act of 1963, 29 U.S.C. 206(d), or titles or position clas-
11 sifications that are dissimilar but whose requirements are equivalent,
12 when viewed as a composite of skills, effort, responsibility and working
13 conditions. The principle of fair and equal pay for equivalent value of
14 work requires that consideration of sex, race or national origin shall
15 not influence directly or indirectly the establishment of compensation.

16 (d) It shall not be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to
17 pay different compensation to employees, where such payments are made
18 pursuant to:

19 (1) a bona fide seniority or merit system;

20 (2) a bona fide system that measures earnings by quantity or quality
21 of production;

22 (3) a bona fide system based on geographic differentials;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (4) any other bona fide factor other than sex, race or national
2 origin, such as education, training, or experience. Such factor: (A)
3 shall not be based upon or derived from a sex, race, or national origin
4 based differential in compensation and (B) shall be job-related with
5 respect to the position in question and shall be consistent with busi-
6 ness necessity. Such exception under this paragraph shall not apply when
7 the employee demonstrates (i) that an employer uses a particular employ-
8 ment practice that causes a disparate impact on the basis of sex, race,
9 or national origin, (ii) that an alternative employment practice exists
10 that would serve the same purpose and not produce such differential, and
11 (iii) that the employer has refused to adopt such alternative practice.

12 (e) For the purpose of paragraph (d) of this subdivision, "business
13 necessity" shall be defined as a factor that bears a manifest relation-
14 ship to the employment in question.

15 (f) Nothing set forth in this section shall be construed to impede,
16 infringe or diminish the rights and benefits which accrue to employees
17 through collective bargaining agreements, or otherwise diminish the
18 integrity of the existing collective bargaining relationship.

19 § 2. The civil service law is amended by adding a new section 119 to
20 read as follows:

21 § 119. Equivalent value of work; segregated job titles reviewed and
22 adjusted. 1. The civil service commission shall promulgate regulations
23 specifying the methodology for determining equivalent value of work
24 based on skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions. Any
25 methodology prescribed by the commission, such as a systematic point
26 factor job evaluation system, shall ensure that comparison systems do
27 not ignore or undervalue the worth of jobs where a certain sex, race, or
28 national origin is disproportionately represented. For the purposes of
29 this chapter, a segregated title shall constitute any title in which the
30 total percentage of employees of a particular sex, race or national
31 origin in the title is equal to or greater than one hundred twenty
32 percent of the percentage of that sex, race or national origin in the
33 employ of the state or the political subdivision. The department shall,
34 upon the request of any local civil service administration, render
35 service or technical advice and assistance relative to the position
36 classification and pay equity compensation assessment of offices and
37 employments under the jurisdiction of such local civil service adminis-
38 tration pursuant to subdivision one of section twenty-three of this
39 chapter.

40 2. The president shall, by January first, two thousand twenty-one, and
41 every five years thereafter, submit to the legislature and the gover-
42 nor's office of employee relations, a list showing, by negotiating unit
43 and for management/confidential employees, those segregated titles for
44 which a disparity exists based on the equivalent value of the work as
45 that term is defined in paragraph (c) of subdivision one of section one
46 hundred eighteen of this title. The president shall also submit to the
47 legislature, the governor's office of employee relations and the divi-
48 sion of budget along with the list, an estimate of the appropriation
49 necessary to correct such disparities. When the department creates new
50 titles or, because of mergers or take-overs, transfers state workforce
51 from one title to another title, the president shall re-submit such list
52 of any segregated titles for which a disparity exists based on the
53 equivalent value of work and shall submit to the legislature, the gover-
54 nor's office of employee relations and the division of budget with such
55 list an estimate of the appropriation necessary to correct such dispari-
56 ties.

1 3. By October first, two thousand twenty, and every five years there-
2 after, all local civil service administrations shall submit to the pres-
3 ident of the commission a list showing, by negotiating unit and for
4 management/confidential employees, those segregated titles for which a
5 disparity exists based on the equivalent value of the work. The presi-
6 dent of the commission shall compile the lists provided to him or her by
7 the local civil service administrations and, by January first, two thou-
8 sand twenty-one, and every five years thereafter, submit to the legisla-
9 ture and the governor's office of employee relations, a list showing, by
10 negotiating unit and for management/confidential employees, those segre-
11 gated titles for which a disparity exists based on the equivalent value
12 of the work as reported by the local civil service administrations. When
13 a local civil service administration creates new titles or, because of
14 mergers or take-overs, transfers workforce from one title to another
15 title, it shall re-submit to the president of the commission a list of
16 any segregated titles for which a disparity exists based on the equiv-
17 alent value of work, who will then submit the list to the legislature.

18 4. Upon the discovery of the existence of segregated titles for which
19 a disparity exists based on the equivalent value of work, the employer
20 and the state civil service commission or local civil service adminis-
21 tration, as applicable, shall correct the disparity.

22 5. An employer who is in violation of paragraph (c) of subdivision one
23 of section one hundred eighteen of this title, as determined by the
24 commission, shall not, in order to comply with this section, reduce the
25 compensation of any employee or reduce the compensation for any posi-
26 tion.

27 6. Beginning with the budget requests for the first fiscal year
28 commencing after the effective date of this section, the governor shall
29 include the appropriation necessary to ensure that compensation for
30 state employees are set in accordance with section one hundred fifteen
31 and paragraph (c) of subdivision one of section one hundred eighteen of
32 this title.

33 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.