House File 2455 H-8225 1 Amend the amendment, H-8224, to House File 2455 as 2 follows: 3 1. By striking page 1, line 1, through page 6, line 4 2, and inserting: <Amend House File 2455 as follows: 5 6 . Page 17, after line 10 by inserting: 7 DIVISION 8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS - EQUAL PAY TASK FORCE AND 9 REPORT 10 Sec. . EQUAL PAY. An equal pay task force is created. The task 11 1. 12 force shall consist of seven members appointed by the 13 governor. The task force shall study wage discrepancies 14 2. 15 within public and private employment and between public 16 and private employers. The task force shall submit a report regarding 17 3. 18 its findings and its recommendations regarding 19 potential actions for the elimination and prevention 20 of such discrepancies to the governor and the general 21 assembly no later than December 22, 2017. 22 DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS - WAGE DISCRIMINATION 23 Sec. ___. ADDITIONAL UNFAIR OR DISCRIMINATORY 24 25 PRACTICE - WAGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. 1. As stated in chapter 216, the general assembly 26 27 finds that the practice of discriminating against any 28 employee because of the age, race, creed, color, sex, 29 sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, 30 religion, or disability of such employee by paying 31 wages to such employee at a rate less than the rate 32 paid to other employees does all of the following: 33 a. Unjustly discriminates against the person 34 receiving the lesser rate. 35 b. Leads to low employee morale, high turnover, and

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1 frequent labor unrest.

2 c. Discourages employees paid at lesser wage rates3 from training for higher level jobs.

d. Curtails employment opportunities, decreases5 employees' mobility, and increases labor costs.

6 e. Impairs purchasing power and threatens the7 maintenance of an adequate standard of living by such8 employees and their families.

9 f. Prevents optimum utilization of the state's 10 available labor resources.

Threatens the well-being of citizens of this 11 q. 12 state and adversely affects the general welfare. 13 2. As stated in section 216.6A, it remains 14 unfair or discriminatory practice for any employer 15 or agent of any employer to discriminate against 16 any employee because of the age, race, creed, color, 17 sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national 18 origin, religion, or disability of such employee by 19 paying wages to such employee at a rate less than the 20 rate paid to other employees who are employed within 21 the same establishment for equal work on jobs, the 22 performance of which requires equal skill, effort, and 23 responsibility, and which are performed under similar 24 working conditions. As also stated in section 216.6A, 25 an employer or agent of an employer who is paying wages 26 to an employee at a rate less than the rate paid to 27 other employees in violation of this section shall not 28 remedy the violation by reducing the wage rate of any 29 employee.>

30 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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