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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the state wage payment collection law and
2 making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 91A.9, subsection 3, Code 2015, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. The commissioner may employ such qualified personnel
4 as are necessary for the enforcement of this chapter. Such
5 personnel shall be employed pursuant to chapter 8A, subchapter
6 IV. The commissioner shall employ investigators for the
7 enforcement of this chapter.

8 Sec. 2. Section 91A.9, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
9 following new subsection:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. The commissioner shall establish a
11 statewide, toll-free telephone hotline for the purpose of
12 receiving reports of violations of this chapter.

13 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **91A.15 Wage theft compliance**
14 **assistance coordinator.**

15 The commissioner shall employ a wage theft compliance
16 assistance coordinator for the purposes of coordinating
17 enforcement and other actions by the commissioner relating to
18 this chapter and engaging in public relations and outreach
19 efforts to promote compliance with and enforcement of this
20 chapter.

21 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **91A.16 Standing appropriation.**

22 There is appropriated annually from the general fund
23 of the state to the division of labor services one hundred
24 seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as is
25 necessary, for the enforcement of the wage theft provisions of
26 this chapter.

27 EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This bill relates to wage payment collection by employees of
31 the labor commissioner.

32 The bill requires the labor commissioner to employ
33 investigators for the enforcement of Code chapter 91A,
34 Iowa wage payment collection law. The bill requires the
35 commissioner to establish a statewide, toll-free telephone

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1 hotline for the purpose of receiving reports of violations
2 of Code chapter 91A. The bill requires the commissioner to
3 employ a wage theft compliance assistance coordinator for the
4 purposes of coordinating enforcement and other actions by the
5 commissioner relating to Code chapter 91A and engaging in
6 public relations and outreach efforts to promote compliance
7 with and enforcement of Code chapter 91A.

8 The bill creates standing appropriation from the general
9 fund of the state to the division of labor services of \$175,000
10 for enforcement of the wage theft provisions of Code chapter
11 91A.