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State Civil Service comments on Equal Pay for Women Bill

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Senate Bill 153 by Sen. Edwin Murray calls for equal pay for women in state government and prohibits any employer from discriminating against an employee on the basis of sex regarding compensation. The "Louisiana Equal Pay for Women Act" has been sent to Gov. Bobby Jindal for his signature.

The Louisiana State Civil Service Commission recognizes Article X of the Louisiana Constitution charges the SCS Commission with the administration of a merit system that is free from political and other forms of discrimination, and appreciates the Louisiana State Legislators commitment to ensuring these principles are upheld.

"Louisiana state government has operated under a merit system for over 40 years. Because of the principles of the merit system, state government employees have always had equal pay among men and women," said Shannon Templet, Director of State Civil Service.

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