

# Labor and Employment

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## **S127 - Protect Governmental Accountability. (SL 2019-80)**

S.L. 2019-80 extends whistleblower protection to persons reporting improper government activity to agents and employees of legislative panels duly appointed by the President Pro Tempore and/or the Speaker of the House designated to conduct inquiries on their behalf, and requires State officers, agents, agencies, and departments to provide information upon request to legislative panels and their agents and employees.

This act became effective July 4, 2019.

## **S391 - Expand Youth Internship Opportunities. (SL 2019-166)**

S.L. 2019-166 provides a limited exception to the prohibition on youth ages 16 to 18 participating in occupations found detrimental by the Commissioner of Labor when the youth is participating in a supervised practice experience. To be eligible for this exception, the youth must be enrolled in a school partnering with the employer offering the supervised practice experience and the employer must submit a written agreement to the Commissioner of Labor that the practice experience meets certain supervision and safety requirements consistent with guidance published by the United States Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division.

The act became effective July 26, 2019, and applies to participation of youth in practical experience programs on or after that date.