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Section

- Duties and rights of classified employees. Provides that state employees in the classified service are expected to be nonpartisan resources to all decision makers and to assist both executive and legislative decision makers and staff. Requires that workload concerns be mediated, if necessary, in a manner that does not advantage any particular set of decision makers. Provides that this section does not require disclosure of data that is otherwise protected by law.
- **Prohibited action.** Amends the whistleblower law, which prohibits an employer from taking action against an employee for specified reasons. Adds to the list of prohibitions, taking action against an employee in the classified service of state government who communicates information that the employee, in good faith, believes to be truthful and accurate, and that relates to state services, including the financing of state services to:
 - (1) a legislator or the legislative auditor; or
 - (2) a constitutional officer.