

**BILL 5 – 2023**

**PUBLIC SERVICE LABOUR RELATIONS  
AMENDMENT ACT, 2023**

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

**1** *Section 1 of the Public Service Labour Relations Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 388, is amended*

**(a)** *in subsection (1) in the definition of “employee” by repealing paragraphs (b) and (u) and substituting the following:*

(b) a practising lawyer or articled student as defined in section 1 (1) of the *Legal Profession Act*, who is engaged in the practice of law and who is

(i) employed in the Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General,

(ii) employed in the Office of Legislative Counsel, or

(iii) employed as a member of the staff of a court in British Columbia;

(u) a person employed in the Legal Services Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General, other than a person who is a practising lawyer or articled student as defined in section 1 (1) of the *Legal Profession Act* and who is engaged in the practice of law; , **and**

**(b)** *by adding the following subsection:*

(3) For the purposes of this Act, the Office of Legislative Counsel is not considered to be in the Legal Services Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General.

**Commencement**

**2** This Act comes into force by regulation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.