

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 articulated 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 articulated 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 ~~on the date of Royal Assent.~~