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Steve Bullock, Montana's former attorney general, was elected Montana's 24th governor on November 6, 2012.

Bullock, 48, has made better jobs, better education and a more effective government his top priorities.

As part of his efforts to bring better jobs to the state, Bullock launched the Main Street Montana Project. Through this project he created the first ever business plan for Montana, by Montanans. This plan aims to leverage the state's strengths to help businesses expand and increase wages.

Like all Montanans, Bullock understands the importance of equal pay for equal work, regardless of gender. This is why he created the Equal Pay for Equal Work Task Force to identify and fix the causes of pay inequity in the state.

As a father of three young children, Bullock recognizes that every Montana student should have the opportunity to reach his or her full potential, and this starts with a quality public education. In his first legislative session, Bullock was able to secure a tuition freeze at Montana colleges and universities, preventing the tax of higher tuition from hitting working Montana families. In addition, Bullock has secured historic levels of funding for the state's elementary, middle and high schools.

But Governor Bullock recognizes that learning doesn't start when a child enters kindergarten; it starts when they enter the world. This is why he is pushing for Montana

to join the 42 other states that have made meaningful investments in early childhood programs.

In his efforts to make state government more effective and transparent, during his first month in office, Bullock put the state's checkbook online, so Montana residents can see how their tax dollars are being spent. He also helped to fix the state's ailing employee pension system, without raising taxes on Montanans.

Bullock was born in Missoula and raised in Helena. He attended public schools in Helena and graduated from Helena High School in 1984. He received his undergraduate degree from Claremont McKenna College and his law degree with honors from Columbia University Law School in New York.

Bullock and his wife Lisa have three children: Caroline, Alexandria and Cameron.