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Senate Bills
3282 X 3284

VETOED!!!

ABC Celebrates Two Important Gubernatorial Veto

Within the past week, Governor Pataki has vetoed two bills opposed by ABC which were designed to amend the labor law, resulting in anti-competitive and anti-worker provisions.

First, **Senate Bill 3282**, would have required construction companies contracting with NY State for a public works project, to submit a list of all individuals classified as independent contractors (performing work on that public works project) to the Commissioner of Labor.

The construction company would be required to pay a fee of \$10 for every independent contractor employed, and all the (fees) revenue collected would be applied to the NYS DOL's '*prevailing wage enforcement fund*' which is used to investigate violations of prevailing wage law.

The second veto, **Senate Bill 3284**, would have required State agencies to make certified payroll records available for '*public inspection*'. Information available through this inspection would have included employee classifications, rates of wages and supplements paid, and the number of hours worked by apprentices on public works construction projects. Senate Bill 3284 would have prohibited the disclosure of social security numbers, but would have required the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the apprentices.

ABC argued vehemently against this bill because of the egregious and unwarranted invasion of personal privacy that could result, specifically do the ***ABSENCE*** of any language ***PROHIBITING*** the disclosure of ***ALL*** personal information.

ABC continues to communicate with the Governor's office on several other bills awaiting gubernatorial action. Those bills include:

- ❑ **Senate Bill 5410** - which would apply prevailing wage to offsite custom fabrication work.
- ❑ **Senate Bill 5787A** - which would link \$230 million in state funding to build a new correctional facility in Suffolk County to a Wicks Law exemption/PLA.

We are hopeful that we can count on the Governor's continued opposition to these measures that support anti-competitive, anti-worker agendas.

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Join ABC at the 86th Annual NYS School Board Convention

Each year, thousands of teachers, administrators, school board members and others attend the New York State School Board Convention. This year, the Convention will be held in Rochester, New York at the Riverside Convention Center, from October 27-30, 2005. The 2005 convention will include educational and insightful seminars on topics such as cutting health costs, and creating healthier students and better learners. There will also be more than 200 commercial and educational exhibitors showcasing the latest in educational materials and publications, and providing opinions on legal and political issues affecting the educational industry at large.

ABC Empire State will have a booth with ABC-related training and other information available for attendees. In addition, several ABC members and staff will participate in a discussion on the merits of competitive bidding for capital improvements and renovation contracts. ABC members are encouraged to attend this session scheduled on October 28, 2005 at 4:15 pm.

We also need volunteers from the Rochester region to assist in manning the ABC booth on Friday and Saturday. If you have 1-2 hours available on these days please call Andrea Harvey at (585) 266-3280.

For more information about the 2005 NYS School Board convention visit: www.nyssba.org

SUNY Alfred and ABC's Construction Training Centers Partner for College Credit

Associated Builders & Contractors Construction Training Centers (CTCNYS) and SUNY Alfred Building Trades Department have collaborated to establish their first college credit articulation agreement towards a Building Construction (AOS Degree) in New York State. This agreement opens doors for students and trainees in construction craft training programs enrolled through the CTCNYS. SUNY Alfred Building Trades Department shall award college credit to students who successfully complete programs accredited by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). The CTCNYS also sponsors secondary training programs at career and technical centers for students pursuing careers and advance training in the construction and maintenance trades.

The CTCNYS students transferring into the SUNY Alfred Building Trades Program must meet minimum performance criteria. Transferring students could earn up to 30 transferable credits at CTCNYS for any of the SUNY Alfred Building Trades programs covered under the agreement. Students will be required to complete 34 credits enrolled at SUNY Alfred to complete the Applied Occupational Science Degree.

For more information contact Penny Hazer, ABC VP of Apprenticeship and Workforce Development at 1-888-696-2237.

ABC Apprenticeship & Craft Training Schedules

Most of the Fall 2005 schedules for the continuing NCCER apprenticeship and craft training classes across NY State have been determined. Below is a summary of the classes being offered in each region and some start dates. **Please contact your Regional VP for specific information on training logistics and registration forms.**

- ❑ **Albany Region** - classes being offered include Construction Essentials; Plumbing levels 2 and 5; Carpentry level 4; Sheetmetal level 4; and Insulating level 4. Classes start as early as September 6, 2005.
- ❑ **Metropolitan New York City Region** - classes being offered include: Electrical level 2; and Masonry level 2. Classes start as early as September 6, 2005
- ❑ **Buffalo Region** - classes being offered include Construction Essentials; Electrical levels 2, 3, 4 and 5; Laborer level 2; and Carpentry levels 1 and 3. Classes start as early as September 12, 2005.
- ❑ **Westchester Region** - classes being offered include: Construction Essentials; Electrical level 2; and Plumbing/Steamfitter level 2. Classes start as early as September 20, 2005.
- ❑ **Long Island Region** - classes being offered include: Electrical levels 2 and 4; Operator level 3; Carpentry level 3; Laborer level 2; Sheetmetal level 2; and Plumber/Pipefitter/Steamfitter level 3. Classes start as early as September 26, 2005.
- ❑ **Syracuse Region** - class offerings and schedules to be announced.
- ❑ **Rochester Region** - MCC is offering a variety of NCCER approved training classes without the benefit of a contractual agreement with the Rochester ABC region. For more information, contact Tom Fitch, MCC Workforce Development, (585) 262-1438.

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