



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 359

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House Bill No. 5744

House of Representatives, April 3, 2000

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. KNOPP of the 137th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

An Act Requiring Notice Of The Applicability Of Prevailing Wage Laws In Bid Documents For Public Works Projects.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) Each bid document made available by the state or any of
2 its agents, or by any political subdivision of the state or any of its
3 agents, to a potential contractor for the construction, remodeling,
4 refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration or repair of any
5 public works project, shall contain the following provision: "The
6 prevailing wage laws set forth in part III of chapter 557 of the general
7 statutes apply to all contracts and subcontracts for work performed on
8 this project. Failure to pay the prevailing rate of wages to any
9 mechanic, laborer or worker employed upon this project or to make
10 appropriate payments or contributions on behalf of such employees to
11 any employee welfare fund is punishable under the provisions of
12 subsection (b) of section 31-53 of the general statutes."

13 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply where the total cost
14 of all work to be performed by all contractors and subcontractors in
15 connection with new construction of any public works project is less
16 than four hundred thousand dollars or where the total cost of all work
17 to be performed by all contractors and subcontractors in connection
18 with any remodeling, refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation,
19 alteration or repair of any public works project is less than one
20 hundred thousand dollars.

LAB Committee Vote: Yea 12 Nay 0 JF C/R GAE

GAE Committee Vote: Yea 21 Nay 0 JF

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Department of Public Works, Various State Agencies

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State and Municipal Impact:

The passage of this bill would result in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. The bill requires that each bid document for a state or municipal construction project subject to prevailing wage requirements, include a provision specifying that prevailing wage laws are applicable to such project.

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5744

AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE OF THE APPLICABILITY OF PREVAILING WAGE LAWS IN BID DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires state and municipal agencies to include in all bidding documents for public works projects subject to the state prevailing wage law a statement that (1) the law applies to the project's contracts and subcontracts and (2) failure to pay the prevailing rate results in statutorily set fines.

State prevailing wage laws apply to a public works project that costs at least (1) \$400,000 if it involves new construction and (2) \$100,000 if it involves repairs or changes to an existing structure.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 12 Nay 0

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 21 Nay 0