



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 367**

February Session, 2000

Substitute House Bill No. 5747

*House of Representatives, April 3, 2000*

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

## ***An Act Requiring Prequalification Of Construction Contractors Based On A Bona Fide Apprenticeship And Training Program.***

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

1 (NEW) (a) On and after the effective date of this section, any  
2 contractor or subcontractor who bids on a contract for a public works  
3 project that meets the requirements of subsection (g) of section 31-53 of  
4 the general statutes or a construction project financed with assistance  
5 from the Department of Economic and Community Development,  
6 provided the total amount of such assistance for a project involving (1)  
7 new construction equals or exceeds four hundred thousand dollars, or  
8 (2) remodeling, refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration or  
9 repair equals or exceeds one hundred thousand dollars, shall submit  
10 with its bid proof that such contractor or subcontractor has established  
11 an apprenticeship program for its employees, which program complies  
12 with the standards set forth in section 31-51d-5 of the regulations of  
13 Connecticut state agencies. No such contract shall be awarded to any

14 contractor or subcontractor who fails to comply with the provisions of  
15 this section.

16 (b) Any such contractor or subcontractor that fails to comply with  
17 the standards set forth in section 31-51d-5 of the regulations of  
18 Connecticut state agencies during the performance of any such  
19 contract shall be fined not less than two thousand five hundred dollars  
20 but not more than five thousand dollars for each day of  
21 noncompliance.

**LAB Committee Vote:** Yea 9 Nay 3 JFS C/R GAE

**GAE Committee Vote:** Yea 16 Nay 5

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

---

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Labor

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

**State Impact:**

There may be a potential minimal workload increase for the Department of Labor as a result of the passage of this bill. The bill requires contractors or subcontractors to submit proof of an apprenticeship program when they bid on projects financed with assistance from the Department of Economic and Community Development. The amount of the assistance must equal or exceed \$400,000. Contractors may start apprenticeship programs for the purpose of bidding on these projects. The Department of Labor would have to register new apprenticeship programs. This can be done within anticipated budgetary resources.

---

**OLR Bill Analysis**

sHB 5747

***AN ACT REQUIRING PREQUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS BASED ON A BONA FIDE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAM.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill bars contractors and subcontractors that do not have an apprenticeship program in accordance with state regulations from receiving (1) contracts for public works projects covered by state prevailing wage laws and (2) construction projects that the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) finances if the project involves new construction or remodeling contracts that receive DECD financing of at least \$400,000 and \$100,000, respectively. Beginning October 1, 2000, contractors and subcontractors that bid on public works or DECD-financed projects must submit proof that they have an apprenticeship program that complies with state regulations.

If a contractor or subcontractor fails to comply with apprenticeship regulations during the contract's term, it must be fined between \$2,500 and \$5,000 for each day of noncompliance. (The bill does not specify what state entity must impose the fine.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 9 Nay 3

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report  
Yea 16    Nay 5