



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 662

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The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through SEN. KUSHNER of the 24th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION TRAINING FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 31-53b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2021*):

4 (c) Not later than January 1, 2012, the Labor Commissioner shall
5 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
6 implement the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section. Such
7 regulations shall require that the ten-hour construction safety and
8 health courses required under subsection (a) of this section be
9 conducted in accordance with federal Occupational Safety and Health
10 Administration Training Institute standards, or, in the case of a
11 supplemental refresher training course, shall include, but not be limited
12 to, an update of revised Occupational Safety and Health Administration
13 standards and a review of required construction hazards training, or in

14 accordance with Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration
15 Standards or in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.268, as appropriate. The
16 Labor Commissioner shall accept as sufficient proof of compliance with
17 the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this section a student course
18 completion card issued by the federal Occupational Safety and Health
19 Administration Training Institute, or such other proof of compliance
20 said commissioner deems appropriate, dated no earlier than [five] ten
21 years before the commencement date of such public works project or, in
22 the case of supplemental refresher training, a student course completion
23 card issued by said Occupational Safety and Health Administration
24 authorized trainer dated not earlier than five years prior to the date such
25 electrician or plumber begins work on such public works project.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-53b(c)

LAB *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Board of Regents for Higher Education	Tuition Fund - Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which extends the valid period of a required construction safety and health course from five to 10 years for certain construction workers, results in an annual minimal revenue loss to the Board of Regents beginning in FY 22 due to fewer construction workers enrolling in such courses.

At least eight community colleges offer the training, at a participant cost ranging from approximately \$130 to \$300. Data are unavailable regarding the net tuition/fee revenue from course participants who are construction workers; the bill would halve this net revenue for each college providing the course. The revenue loss is anticipated to be minimal in the context of the community colleges' tuition and fee revenue, which totals approximately \$145 million to \$170 million annually.

There is no impact to the Department of Labor as the agency currently provides the training free of charge.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

continue into the future subject to inflation in OSHA training participant costs and changes in the numbers of construction workers.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 662*****AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION TRAINING FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill extends the valid period of a required construction safety and health course from five to 10 years for construction workers employed on prevailing wage public works projects.

Under current law, construction workers who receive prevailing wages on these projects must have taken a 10-hour federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-approved construction safety course no more than five years before the project's start. As proof of compliance, the labor commissioner must accept a course completion card or other proof of compliance he deems appropriate dated no earlier than five years from the commencement date of the public works project. The bill makes the card or other proof valid for 10 years, rather than five.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/25/2021)