
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1303 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, J. WARD, ARNOLD, MASTRIANO
AND STEFANO, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), entitled
2 "An act relating to public works contracts; providing for
3 prevailing wages; imposing duties upon the Secretary of Labor
4 and Industry; providing remedies, penalties and repealing
5 existing laws," providing for optional application of act.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442),
9 known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, is amended by
10 adding a section to read:

11 Section 15.1. Optional Application of Act.--(a)
12 Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, as a result of
13 a significant decline in tax revenue due to the COVID-19
14 pandemic, a public body, including a school entity, may choose
15 not to follow the requirements of this act regarding prevailing
16 minimum wages for workmen employed on public work under a
17 contract for a project of public work that the public body
18 enters into on or after the effective date of this subsection.

19 (b) As used in this section, the following words and phrases

1 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
2 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "COVID-19." The Coronavirus Disease 2019, an infectious
4 disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus
5 2 that was first identified during December 2019, in Wuhan,
6 China.

7 "School entity." Any of the following:

8 (1) A school district.

9 (2) An intermediate unit.

10 (3) A charter school or regional charter school, as those
11 terms are defined in section 1703-A of the act of March 10, 1949
12 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

13 (4) An area vocational-technical school, as defined in
14 section 1841 of the Public School Code of 1949.

15 (5) An institution of higher education, as defined in
16 section 1901-F of the Public School Code of 1949.

17 (c) This section shall expire on December 31, 2022.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.