



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 137

LCO No. 1077



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING GAS, ELECTRIC, SEWER AND WATER DELIVERY WORK.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section
2 and sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this act:

3 (1) "Public utility project" means a project to which a gas company,
4 pipeline company, water company, sewage company or electric
5 distribution company is a party;

6 (2) "Contractor" means any individual or business entity that is
7 awarded, or is a subcontractor under, a public utility project contract;

8 (3) "Electric distribution company" has the same meaning as
9 provided in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

10 (4) "Gas company" has the same meaning as provided in section 16-1
11 of the general statutes;

12 (5) "Pipeline company" has the same meaning as provided in section
13 16-1 of the general statutes;

14 (6) "Sewage company" has the same meaning as provided in section
15 16-1 of the general statutes; and

16 (7) "Water company" has the same meaning as provided in section 16-
17 1 of the general statutes.

18 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) Any contractor who has
19 entered into a contract for public utility project shall provide (1)
20 apprenticeship training through an apprenticeship program registered
21 with the Labor Department, or (2) a preapprenticeship training
22 program. For purposes of this section, "preapprenticeship program"
23 means a program approved pursuant to sections 31-22m to 31-22v,
24 inclusive, of the general statutes;

25 (b) A contractor shall certify, in a form and manner prescribed by the
26 Labor Commissioner, that such contractor currently (1) participates in
27 apprenticeship training through an apprenticeship program registered
28 with the Labor Department, or (2) participates in a preapprenticeship
29 program. Such contractor or subcontractor shall submit such
30 certification to the Labor Commissioner not later than thirty days after
31 entering into a contract for a public utility project.

32 (c) Any certification submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this
33 section shall be considered a public document that shall be made
34 available without redaction on the Labor Department's Internet web site
35 not later than seven days after being submitted to the Labor
36 Commissioner.

37 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) Any contractor that
38 intentionally submits a certification pursuant to subsection (b) of section
39 2 of this act that contains false, misleading or materially inaccurate
40 information shall be in violation of this section.

41 (b) Any contractor that violates the provisions of this section may be
42 assessed penalties and sanctions by the Labor Commissioner.

43 (c) The Labor Commissioner may refer for debarment any contractor
44 that violates the provisions of this section. Any contractor the

45 commissioner refers for debarment may request a hearing before the
46 commissioner. Such hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the
47 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes.

48 (d) The Labor Commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance
49 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, establishing the
50 penalties and sanctions applicable to a violation of this section.

51 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) Each contractor who has
52 entered into a contract for a public utility project shall (1) pay each
53 construction employee on the project wages and benefits that are not
54 less than the prevailing wage and fringe benefit rates prescribed in
55 section 31-53 of the general statutes for the corresponding classification
56 in which the employee is employed, and (2) be subject to all reporting
57 and compliance requirements in accordance with section 31-53 of the
58 general statutes.

59 (b) Any contractor that violates this section shall be subject to
60 penalties and sanctions in accordance with section 31-53 of the general
61 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require any contractor that enters into a contract for a public utility project to offer apprenticeship or preapprenticeship training programs and pay prevailing wage rates.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]