

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2011 and 2012 SB2881

Introduced 2/1/2012, by Sen. Kyle McCarter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

820 ILCS 130/2 820 ILCS 130/11c new from Ch. 48, par. 39s-2

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that by passage of a resolution, the board of education of any school district may exempt all school construction projects undertaken in the district from the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act. Defines "school construction project".

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1 AN ACT concerning employment.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Prevailing Wage Act is amended by changing

 Section 2 and by adding Section 11c as follows:
- 6 (820 ILCS 130/2) (from Ch. 48, par. 39s-2)
- Sec. 2. This Act applies to the wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works, as hereinafter defined, by any public body and to anyone under contracts for public works. This includes any maintenance, repair, assembly, or disassembly work performed on equipment whether owned, leased, or rented.
- 13 As used in this Act, unless the context indicates 14 otherwise:
- "Public works" means all fixed works constructed or 15 16 demolished by any public body, or paid for wholly or in part 17 out of public funds. "Public works" as defined herein includes all projects financed in whole or in part with bonds, grants, 18 19 loans, or other funds made available by or through the State or any of its political subdivisions, including but not limited 20 21 to: bonds issued under the Industrial Project Revenue Bond Act 22 (Article 11, Division 74 of the Illinois Municipal Code), the Industrial Building Revenue Bond Act, the Illinois Finance 23

Authority Act, the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority Act, or 1 2 the Build Illinois Bond Act; loans or other funds made 3 available pursuant to the Build Illinois Act; or funds from the Fund for Illinois' Future under Section 6z-47 of the State 5 Finance Act, funds for school construction under Section 5 of the General Obligation Bond Act, funds authorized under Section 6 7 3 of the School Construction Bond Act, funds for school infrastructure under Section 6z-45 of the State Finance Act, 8 9 and funds for transportation purposes under Section 4 of the General Obligation Bond Act. "Public works" also includes (i) 10 11 all projects financed in whole or in part with funds from the 12 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity under the 13 Illinois Renewable Fuels Development Program Act for which 14 there is no project labor agreement; (ii) all work performed 15 pursuant to a public private agreement under the Public Private 16 Agreements for the Illiana Expressway Act; and (iii) all 17 projects undertaken under a public-private agreement under the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act. "Public 18 works" also includes all projects at leased facility property 19 20 used for airport purposes under Section 35 of the Local Government Facility Lease Act. "Public works" also includes the 21 22 construction of a new wind power facility by a business 23 designated as a High Impact Business under Section 5.5(a)(3)(E) of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. "Public works" does not 24 include work done directly by any public utility company, 25 26 whether or not done under public supervision or direction, or 2

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paid for wholly or in part out of public funds. "Public works" 1

does not include projects undertaken by the owner at an

owner-occupied single-family residence or at an owner-occupied

unit of a multi-family residence. 4

5 "School construction project" means the acquisition, development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, 6 improvement, architectural planning, and installation of 7 capital facilities consisting of buildings, structures, 8

durable equipment, and land for educational purposes.

"Construction" means all work on public works involving laborers, workers or mechanics. This includes any maintenance, repair, assembly, or disassembly work performed on equipment whether owned, leased, or rented.

"Locality" means the county where the physical work upon public works is performed, except (1) that if there is not available in the county a sufficient number of competent skilled laborers, workers and mechanics to construct the public works efficiently and properly, "locality" includes any other county nearest the one in which the work or construction is to be performed and from which such persons may be obtained in sufficient numbers to perform the work and (2) that, with respect to contracts for highway work with the Department of Transportation of this State, "locality" may at the discretion of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation be construed to include two or more adjacent counties from which workers may be accessible for work on such construction.

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1 "Public body" means the State or any officer, board or 2 commission of the State or any political subdivision or 3 department thereof, or any institution supported in whole or in 4 part by public funds, and includes every county, city, town, 5 village, township, school district, irrigation, utility, 6 reclamation improvement or other district and every other 7 political subdivision, district or municipality of the state whether such political subdivision, municipality or district 8 9 operates under a special charter or not.

The terms "general prevailing rate of hourly wages",

"general prevailing rate of wages" or "prevailing rate of
wages" when used in this Act mean the hourly cash wages plus
fringe benefits for training and apprenticeship programs
approved by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of
Apprenticeship and Training, health and welfare, insurance,
vacations and pensions paid generally, in the locality in which
the work is being performed, to employees engaged in work of a
similar character on public works.

- 19 (Source: P.A. 96-28, eff. 7-1-09; 96-58, eff. 1-1-10; 96-186, eff. 1-1-10; 96-913, eff. 6-9-10; 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 97-502, eff. 8-23-11.)
- 22 (820 ILCS 130/11c new)
- Sec. 11c. School district exemption.
- By passage of a resolution, the board of education of any school district may exempt all school construction projects

1 <u>undertaken in the district from the requirements of this Act.</u>