



# Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters

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# LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

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## CURRENT PENDING LEGISLATION THAT TEAMSTERS EITHER SUPPORT OR OPPOSE



# PA HB 1449

## Establishing a Statewide Responsible Contractor Law Co-Sponsor Representative Steve Malagari (Teamsters Local 830)

This legislation passed the PA House 134 to 69 with bi-partisan support on October 18, 2023. It has been Referred to [STATE GOVERNMENT](#), Oct. 20, 2023 [Senate].

### House of Representatives Session of 2023 - 2024 Regular Session MEMORANDUM

**Posted:** June 13, 2023 01:48 PM  
**From:** [Representative Joshua Siegel](#) and [Rep. Leanne Krueger](#), [Rep. Steven R. Malagari](#), [Rep. Chris Pielli](#)  
**To:** All House members  
**Subject:** Co-Sponsorship: Establishing a Statewide Responsible Contractor Law

Across our Commonwealth and nation, construction firms are struggling to meet demand for work while lacking a sufficient supply of trained and skilled craft labor. Over the next decade, nearly 40% of all construction workers are expected to retire, all while our infrastructure and critical public works projects demand additional investment and upkeep. Skilled craft labor is in high demand and in short supply.

Fortunately, Pennsylvania can lead the way in using its purchasing power to create economic opportunity, expand workforce development, protect taxpayer dollars, and ensure accountability in the procurement process. We can do this by enacting a statewide responsible contractor law, which is what our legislation will do. Our bill will establish clear requirements that firms bidding on publicly funded infrastructure projects must meet. This includes requiring that they have a state or federal registered apprenticeship program and pay prevailing rate.

A statewide responsible contractor law will make a historic investment in our Commonwealth, ensuring we have the skilled craft labor to build for the future and ensure public safety during construction projects. A fully skilled workforce allows personnel to find multiple opportunities for work, and a state-sponsored investment in apprenticeships encourages employers to maintain those investments even in market downturns.

We are asking you to join us in making this historic investment in our Commonwealth's workforce and economy. Help protect taxpayers from unreliable and deceptive contractors that underinvest and mistreat their workers while creating jobs for skilled workers. We thank you for your consideration.

# BLET PA HB 1028

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in railroads, providing for prohibition on blocking of crossings, for limitation on length of freight or work trains, for authorization to monitor safety practices and operations by collective bargaining representatives, for safe staffing levels for trains or light engines, for wayside detector systems, for study of transportation of hazardous materials or waste and for reporting system for transportation of hazardous materials or waste; and imposing penalties.

# BLET PA HB 1151

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in broadband services, further providing for definitions and providing for application for crossing, for review and approval of application for crossing, for procedures for crossing, for fees and costs associated with crossing, for petition to commission, for duties of commission and for miscellaneous provisions. **This** legislation establishes an application process for broadband providers when they find it necessary to cross railroad tracks; establishes timelines for approval of such applications; implements procedures for constructing or installing broadband across railroad tracks; establishes licensing fees; and provides for duties of the PUC. The goal of this legislation is to put a uniform process in place for both broadband service providers and railroad companies that removes unnecessary roadblocks, safeguards taxpayers, and allows quick deployment of broadband infrastructure so that no Pennsylvanian is left without access. The goal of this legislation is to put a uniform process in place for both broadband service providers and railroad companies that removes unnecessary roadblocks, safeguards our taxpayers, and allows quick deployment of broadband infrastructure so that no Pennsylvanian is left without access. Specifically, this legislation establishes an application process for broadband providers when they find it necessary to cross railroad tracks; establishes timelines for approval of such applications; implements procedures for constructing or installing broadband across railroad tracks; establishes licensing fees; and provides for duties of the PUC.

# PA SB 399

Legislation will require any proposed collective bargaining agreement to be made available on the public employers' publicly accessible Internet website within 48 hours. An agreement must be posted online two weeks prior and thirty days following the signing of the collective bargaining agreement. The posting shall include the following information: A statement of the terms of the proposed collective bargaining agreement; An estimate of the costs to the public employer associated with the agreement. Proposed collective bargaining agreements and any documents presented by the public

employer or received from the employee organization in the course of collective bargaining are to be public.

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