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AN ACT to amend the labor law, and the education law, in relation to enacting the "charter schools construction fair wages act"

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2     the "charter schools construction fair wages act".  
3     S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 220 of the labor law, as amended by  
4     chapter 678 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
5     2. Each contract, LEASE, GRANT, BOND, COVENANT, DEBT AGREEMENT, OR  
6     PERMIT, to which the state or a public benefit corporation or a municipal corporation or a commission appointed pursuant to law OR AN EDUCATION CORPORATION ORGANIZED TO OPERATE A CHARTER SCHOOL is a party, and  
7     any contract for public work entered into by a third party acting in  
8     place of, on behalf of and for the benefit of such public entity pursuant to any lease, permit or other agreement between such third party and  
9     the public entity, and which may involve the employment of laborers, workers or mechanics shall contain a stipulation that no laborer, worker  
10    or mechanic in the employ of the contractor, subcontractor or other  
11    person doing or contracting to do the whole or a part of the work  
12    contemplated by the contract shall be permitted or required to work more  
13    than eight hours in any one calendar day or more than five days in any  
14    one week except in cases of extraordinary emergency including fire, flood or danger to life or property. No such person shall be so employed  
15    more than eight hours in any day or more than five days in any one week  
16    except in such emergency. Extraordinary emergency within the meaning of  
17    this section shall be deemed to include situations in which sufficient  
18    laborers, workers and mechanics cannot be employed to carry on public  
19    work expeditiously as a result of such restrictions upon the number of  
20    hours and days of labor and the immediate commencement or prosecution or  
21    completion without undue delay of the public work is necessary in the  
22    judgment of the commissioner for the preservation of the contract site  
23    and for the protection of the life and limb of the persons using the

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 same. Upon the application of any person interested, the commissioner  
2 shall make a determination as to whether or not on any public project or  
3 on all public projects in any area of this state, sufficient laborers,  
4 workers and mechanics of any or all classifications can be employed to  
5 carry on work expeditiously if their labor is restricted to eight hours  
6 per day and five days per week, and in the event that the commissioner  
7 determines that there are not sufficient workers, laborers and mechanics  
8 of any or all classifications which may be employed to carry on such  
9 work expeditiously if their labor is restricted to eight hours per day  
10 and five days per week, and the immediate commencement or prosecution or  
11 completion without undue delay of the public work is necessary in the  
12 judgment of the commissioner for the preservation of the contract site  
13 and for the protection of the life and limb of the persons using the  
14 same, the commissioner shall grant a dispensation permitting all labor-  
15 ers, workers and mechanics, or any classification of such laborers,  
16 workers and mechanics, to work such additional hours or days per week on  
17 such public project or in such areas the commissioner shall determine.  
18 Whenever such a dispensation is granted, all work in excess of eight  
19 hours per day and five days per week shall be considered overtime work,  
20 and the laborers, workers and mechanics performing such work shall be  
21 paid a premium wage commensurate with the premium wages prevailing in  
22 the area in which the work is performed. No such dispensation shall be  
23 effective with respect to any public work unless and until the depart-  
24 ment of jurisdiction, as defined in this section, certifies to the  
25 commissioner that such public work is of an important nature and that a  
26 delay in carrying it to completion would result in serious disadvantage  
27 to the public. Time lost in any week because of inclement weather by  
28 employees engaged in the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of  
29 highways outside of the limits of cities and villages may be made up  
30 during that week and/or the succeeding three weeks.

31 S 3. Subdivision 2 of section 220 of the labor law, as amended by  
32 chapter 851 of the laws of 1947, is amended to read as follows:

33 2. Each contract, LEASE, GRANT, BOND, COVENANT, DEBT AGREEMENT, OR  
34 PERMIT, to which the state or a public benefit corporation or a municipi-  
35 pal corporation or a commission appointed pursuant to law OR AN EDUCA-  
36 TION CORPORATION ORGANIZED TO OPERATE A CHARTER SCHOOL is a party and  
37 which may involve the employment of laborers, [workmen] WORKERS or  
38 mechanics shall contain a stipulation that no laborer, [workman] WORKER  
39 or mechanic in the employ of the contractor, subcontractor or other  
40 person doing or contracting to do the whole or a part of the work  
41 contemplated by the contract shall be permitted or required to work more  
42 than eight hours in any one calendar day or more than five days in any  
43 one week except in cases of extraordinary emergency including fire,  
44 flood or danger to life or property. No such person shall be so employed  
45 more than eight hours in any day or more than five days in any one week  
46 except in such emergency. Extraordinary emergency within the meaning of  
47 this section shall be deemed to include situations in which sufficient  
48 laborers, [workmen] WORKERS and mechanics cannot be employed to carry on  
49 public work expeditiously as a result of such restrictions upon the  
50 number of hours and days of labor and the immediate commencement or  
51 prosecution or completion without undue delay of the public work is  
52 necessary in the judgment of the [industrial] commissioner for the pres-  
53 ervation of the contract site and for the protection of the life and  
54 limb of the persons using the same. Upon the application of any person  
55 interested, the [industrial] commissioner shall make a determination as  
56 to whether or not on any public project or on all public projects in any

1 area of this state, sufficient laborers, [workmen] WORKERS and mechanics  
2 of any or all classifications can be employed to carry on work expe-  
3 ditiously if their labor is restricted to eight hours per day and five  
4 days per week, and in the event that the [industrial] commissioner  
5 determines that there are not sufficient [workmen] WORKERS, laborers and  
6 mechanics of any or all classifications which may be employed to carry  
7 on such work expeditiously if their labor is restricted to eight hours  
8 per day and five days per week, and the immediate commencement or prose-  
9 cution or completion without undue delay of the public work is necessary  
10 in the judgment of the [industrial] commissioner for the preservation of  
11 the contract site and for the protection of the life and limb of the  
12 persons using the same, the [industrial] commissioner shall grant a  
13 dispensation permitting all laborers, [workmen] WORKERS and mechanics,  
14 or any classification of such laborers, [workmen] WORKERS and mechanics,  
15 to work such additional hours or days per week on such public project or  
16 in such areas the [industrial] commissioner shall determine. Whenever  
17 such a dispensation is granted, all work in excess of eight hours per  
18 day and five days per week shall be considered overtime work, and the  
19 laborers, workmen and mechanics performing such work shall be paid a  
20 premium wage commensurate with the premium wages prevailing in the area  
21 in which the work is performed. No such dispensation shall be effective  
22 with respect to any public work unless and until the department of  
23 jurisdiction, as defined in this section, certifies to the [industrial]  
24 commissioner that such public work is of an important nature and that a  
25 delay in carrying it to completion would result in serious disadvantage  
26 to the public. Time lost in any week because of inclement weather by  
27 employees engaged in the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of  
28 highways outside of the limits of cities and villages may be made up  
29 during that week and/or the succeeding three weeks.

30 S 4. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 2853 of the education  
31 law, as amended by chapter 101 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read  
32 as follows:

33 (a) A charter school may be located in part of an existing public  
34 school building, in space provided on a private work site, in a public  
35 building or in any other suitable location. Provided, however, before a  
36 charter school may be located in part of an existing public school  
37 building, the charter entity shall provide notice to the parents or  
38 guardians of the students then enrolled in the existing school building  
39 and shall hold a public hearing for purposes of discussing the location  
40 of the charter school. ALL CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY SUCH CHARTER  
41 SCHOOL, OR ANY EDUCATION CORPORATION ORGANIZED TO OPERATE A CHARTER  
42 SCHOOL, OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC ENTITY, INCLUDING THE STATE, A PUBLIC BENE-  
43 FIT CORPORATION, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR ANY PRIVATE ENTITY ACTING ON  
44 BEHALF OF ANY OF THESE ENTITIES, INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION, RECON-  
45 STRUCTION, DEMOLITION, EXCAVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, RENOVATION,  
46 OR ALTERATION OF ANY CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE  
47 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED THREE OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW  
48 AND ARTICLES EIGHT AND NINE OF THE LABOR LAW. A charter school may own,  
49 lease or rent its space.

50 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amend-  
51 ments to subdivision 2 of section 220 of the labor law made by section  
52 two of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such  
53 subdivision pursuant to section 5 of chapter 678 of the laws of 2007, as  
54 amended, when upon such date the provisions of section three of this act  
55 shall take effect.