STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 12, 2024

Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT in relation to requiring certain renewable energy generating projects to enter into a memorandum of understanding for the operation and maintenance of such project with a bona fide labor organization

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Every renewable energy generating project receiving grants, guaranteed loans, tax benefits or funding from New York state, shall demonstrate that the developer or other entities owning such renewable generating project has entered into a memorandum of understanding for the operation and maintenance of such project with a bona fide labor organization of jurisdiction that is actively engaged in representing transitioning utility workers in the fossil fuel industry. Such memorandum shall be entered into prior to the completion date of such project and the memorandum shall be an ongoing material condition of authorization to operate and maintain the renewable energy project. The memorandum shall only apply to employees necessary for the maintenance and operation of such renewable energy generation project. Such memorandum shall contain, but not be limited to, safety and training standards, disaster response measures, guaranteed hours, staffing levels, pay rate protection and retraining programs.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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