



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

JOHN T. COLI, PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

Teamsters Joint Council 25 has taken positions on more than 20 bills during the **Veto Session** of Illinois' 97th General Assembly. The positions are organized by the industries and trades the bills may affect.

Teamster Bill to Protect County Workers Now Law

Attacks on Teamsters working in Illinois' juvenile detention centers are now charged as aggravated assaults, thanks to legislation drafted and supported by Joint Council 25.

By overwhelmingly passing Senate Bill 1754, the General Assembly effectively reclassified offenses against any employee of juvenile detention facilities statewide. Teamsters Local 700 represents more than 300 members at the Cook County and Will County Juvenile Detention Centers. Residents at these locations are directly subjected to the legislation, which officially amplified the consequences of assault in July.

Sponsored by state Sen. John Mulroe, the law amends the Criminal Code to protect juvenile detention center employees against assault, allowing them to receive the same classification as corrections and probation officers. Aggravated assault charges carry penalties of up to three years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

The Cook and Will County Juvenile Detention Centers temporarily house youth from ages 10-16 awaiting trial.

TRANSPORTATION & CONSTRUCTION

HB 1375

RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS **Rep. Daniel Beiser (D)**

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that, in order to be considered a responsible bidder under the Procurement Code, all bidders must submit a signed affidavit stating that it will maintain an Illinois office as the primary place of employment for persons employed in the construction authorized by the contract.

Status: Passed as Public Act 97-0369; Signed into law by Gov. Pat Quinn
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

HB 2987

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS **Rep. Patrick Verschoore (D)**

Creates the Project Labor Agreements Act. The bill codifies an existing Executive Order that pertains to project labor agreements for publicly funded projects.

Status: Passed as Public Act 97-0199; Signed into law by Gov. Pat Quinn
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

HB 3237

PUBLIC WORKS PREVAILING WAGE **Rep. Brandon Phelps (D)**

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act to strengthen enforcement and compliance by increasing a variety of penalties.

Status: Passed as Public Act 97-0571;

Signed into law by Gov. Pat Quinn
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

SB 754

BREWER LICENSING **Sen. Donne Trotter (D)**

Protects the current system of beer distribution in Illinois, preserving Teamster jobs.

Status: Passed as Public Act 97-005; Signed into law by Gov. Pat Quinn
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

SB 1550

HAULERS PREVAILING WAGE **Sen. William Haine (D)**

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act to include the transportation of aggregate or excavated materials to or from a construction site.

Status: Referred to Senate Assignments Committee
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

SB 1851

TRUCK DRIVER CLASSIFICATION **Sen. Gary Forby (D)**

Amends the Employee Classification Act. Provides that the term "employment" does not include services performed by an individual as an operator of a truck, truck-tractor or tractor if certain conditions are met.

Status: Joint Council 25 effectively stalled this legislation.
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PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: BENEFITS

HB 1201

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES **Rep. Joseph Lyons (D)**

Amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that the health insurance benefits provided by the Act apply without regard to whether the employee suffered a catastrophic injury or was killed in the line of duty before, on or after the effective date of the Act. **Status:** Referred to House Rules Committee
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

HB 1502

PENSIONS FOR NEW HIRES **Rep. Raymond Poe (R)**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions applicable to new hires: (i) provides that a participant is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application if he or she has attained age 62, has at least 10 years of service credit and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article; and (ii) removes provisions concerning entitlement to a reduced annuity. Requires implementation without reimbursement. **Status:** Referred to House Rules Committee
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

SB 36

PENSION FUNDING AND FAIRNESS **Sen. Matt Murphy (R)**

Creates the Pension Funding and Fairness Act. Provides that the maximum annual percentage change in state fiscal year spending may not exceed the inflation adjustment factor plus the population adjustment factor.

Status: Referred to Senate Assignments Committee
Joint Council 25 OPPOSES bill.

SB 1592

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES **Sen. Antonio Munoz (D)**

Amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that the health insurance benefits provided by the Act apply without regard to whether an employee suffered a catastrophic injury or was killed in the line of duty before, on or after the Act's effective date. **Status:** Referred to Senate Assignments Committee
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

HB 1673

LABOR ARBITRATION TAXES **Rep. Dave Winters (R)**

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that arbitration panels hearing security employee, peace officer, firefighter and paramedic disputes must not consider the ability of the government to raise taxes or impose new taxes when determining the financial ability of that unit to pay the costs associated with wages and conditions of employment. **Status:** Referred to House Rules Committee
Joint Council 25 OPPOSES bill.

HB 1849

PUBLIC LABOR ARBITRATION **Rep. Dave Winters (R)**

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. With respect to peace officers, firefighters and security

employees—provides that, in the absence of an agreement, an arbitration panel's consideration of the government's ability to meet costs is limited to existing revenues. Requires the panel to consider the impact of an award on the municipality's funding. **Status:** Referred to House Rules Committee
Joint Council 25 OPPOSES bill.

HB 3044

LABOR ARBITRATION STAFFING **Rep. Patricia Bellock (R)**

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Precludes staffing levels from being considered in certain arbitration decisions for peace officers, firefighters and paramedic matters. **Status:** Referred to House Rules Committee
Joint Council 25 OPPOSES bill.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: PRIVATIZATION

HB 1091

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS **Rep. Elaine Nekritz (D)**

Creates the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act. Provides the powers for the financing and operation of transportation projects through public-private agreements. The bill ensures recognition of labor unions in the construction trades. **Status:** Passed as Public Act 97-0502; Signed into law by Gov. Pat Quinn
Joint Council 25 MONITORING bill.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

HB 1188

WEAPONS FOR DISABLED OFFICERS **Rep. David Harris (R)**

Amends the State Police Act, Counties Code and Illinois Municipal Code.

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Authorizes any state police officer, sheriff, deputy or peace officer with on-duty disability to carry a weapon.
Status: Referred to House Rules Committee
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

HB 1392

LAW ENFORCEMENT QUOTAS **Rep. John Bradley (D)**

Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a county or municipality may not require a law enforcement officer to issue a specific number of citations or warnings within a designated period of time, particularly as it relates to job performance.

Status: Referred to House Rules Committee
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

SB 1587

STATE POLICE REQUIREMENTS **Sen. Antonio Munoz (D)**

Amends the State Police Act to consider the educational requirement for applicants to be deemed satisfied if the applicant has been honorably discharged and has been awarded an Afghan or Iraqi campaign medal by one of the United States armed forces.

Status: Held in House Rules Committee
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

SB 1639

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER FIREARMS **Sen. Tim Bivins (R)**

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961, the Unified Code of Corrections and the County Jail Act. Permits currently employed and retired state and county correctional officers to carry firearms off-duty if requirements are met.

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on

Assignments

Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

SB 1679

PENSION INVESTMENTS **Sen. Jeffrey Schoenberg (D)**

Amends the Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighters and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires the board of each downstate police and firefighter fund to transfer to the IMRF for management and administration of all investments owned by the funds. Provides for election of a police officer trustee and a firefighter trustee to the IMRF board.

Status: Referred to Senate Assignments Committee

Joint Council 25 OPPOSES bill.

SB 1754

JUVENILE DETENTION SAFETY **Sen. John Mulroe (D)**

Provides that an assault against a juvenile detention center employee is considered an "aggravated assault" under the Illinois Criminal Code. This is an initiative of Teamsters Local 700 to create a safer working environment for Teamsters at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

Status: Passed as Public Act 97-0225; Signed into law by Gov. Pat Quinn

Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill

HB 98

CONCEALMENT FOR OFFICERS **Rep. Jim Sacia (R)**

Allows county correctional officers across the state to carry a concealed weapon while off duty.

Status: Referred to House Rules Committee
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

FUNERAL INDUSTRY

HB 3014

CONDUCT AT FUNERALS **Rep. Rich Brauer (R)**

Increases the distance for funeral protests to 500 feet (currently 200 feet). Current law provides protections for funeral protests and this bill affects a union's ability to picket an employer.

Status: Held in House Rules Committee
Joint Council 25 OPPOSES bill.

VETERANS

SB 1270

PROCUREMENT FOR VETERANS **Sen. M. Maggie Crotty (D)**

Establishes a set-aside goal of 3 percent of all state contracts for veteran-owned small businesses including qualified service disabled veteran business owners. SB 1270 is an initiative of the Teamsters Helmets to Hardhats program.

Status: On 2nd Reading in the House
Joint Council 25 SUPPORTS bill.

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