



ABC SUPPORTS HOUSE BILL 1005

Bill Summary

House Bill 1005 repeals the Apprenticeship and Training Act of 1961, which created the State Apprenticeship Council (SAC) and developed workforce and apprenticeship standards within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. By repealing the act, this bill would eliminate the need for the SAC and integrate Pennsylvania into a currently successful federal system of apprenticeship.

ABC Position

ABC supports House Bill 1005 for the reasons listed below. We ask that you vote in support of the legislation.

- **Brings Pennsylvania into compliance with federal apprenticeship guidelines.** In 2008, the U.S. Department of Labor issued a 24-month timeline for state compliance with revised apprenticeship and workforce goals. By 2010, Pennsylvania had not met those goals and seven years later, we still are not in compliance with federal standards. Ultimately, continued noncompliance could result in rescission of Pennsylvania's decision-making power for apprenticeship programs and/or withholding of federal workforce development funding.
- **Saves taxpayer resources.** While other proposals that address Pennsylvania's noncompliance would add additional staff and departments to the Department of Labor & Industry, these proposals also increase the burden on taxpayers. HB 1005 not only brings the Commonwealth into compliance with these mandated goals, but does so at no additional expense to the taxpayer.