



ABC SUPPORTS SENATE BILL 91

Bill Summary

Senate Bill 91 amends the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Act of 2001 to require the Department of Labor & Industry to collect and publish forward-facing employment data. Currently, the Department collects and analyzes data on current workforce trends and shapes policy to meet the existing demands of employers, educators, and the overall workplace.

ABC Position

ABC supports Senate Bill 91 for the reasons listed below. We ask that you vote in support of the legislation.

- **Allows the Commonwealth to anticipate industry needs.** Currently, the Workforce Development Act directs the Department of Labor & Industry to collect data to identify industries with a statewide impact or immediate workforce need. SB 91 would expand that process to include industries that anticipate long or short-term impact or need. Not only will this data provide a better roadmap for the Commonwealth to understand future workforce needs, but it will also allow for more efficient expenditures by investing in appropriate areas to stem growing needs.
- **Refines policy development for training, education, and development.** With additional information on future industry needs and impacts, SB 91 allows the Department of Labor & Industry to work with other agencies to improve coordination and investment. By better understanding the growing needs of Pennsylvania's future employers, the Commonwealth can refine policy to accommodate changes in education and training, workforce training, recruitment, and investment.