



BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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CREDENTIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HB2, CROSS J, LEPORE-HAGAN M): To create the TechCred Program and the Individual Microcredential Assistance Program, to develop a grant program to support industry sector partnerships, and to make an appropriation.; 1/13/2020 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days. **AGC Action:** *AGC monitored the bill and had conversations with those advocating it. Legislation focuses on tech credentials; could be beneficial for technical side of construction (i.e. BIM, modeling, etc.)*

WORKFORCE CREDENTIALS (HB4, RICHARDSON T, ROBINSON P): Regarding the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and industry-recognized credentials and certificate programs.; 1/14/2020 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days. **AGC Action:** *AGC spoke with the Ohio Dept. of Education and Higher Education about the legislation, its intent and potential impact on existing credential and certificate programs. AGC is supportive of the efforts to create a clearinghouse of industry-recognized credentials and certificates.*

PREVAILING WAGE-PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS (HB78, RIEDEL C, MANCHESTER S): To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects.; 12/11/2019 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing). **AGC Action:** *Based on conversations with individuals in House leadership and policy staff, the bill not expected to move.*

OPERATING BUDGET (HB166, OELSLAGER S): To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.; 7/18/2019 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. Immediately. **AGC Action:** *Regulatory reduction language was added late in the budget process. While it may prove beneficial in some instances, the provisions did not include the same language protecting life-safety regulations that was included in other regulatory reduction bills (HB 115 and SB 1). AGC is working with impacted state agencies and other associations to assess the provisions' impact on meaningful, necessary regulations (i.e. building codes) and determine the best course of action.*

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (HB218, PATTON T): To authorize certain public entities to enter into public-private initiatives with a private party through a public-private agreement regarding public facilities.; 6/19/2019 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing). **AGC Action:** *AGC worked with the bill's sponsor and other interested parties to have an amendment drafted to ensure any improvements done to the P3 structure outside of the initial P3 contract is to be considered a public improvement. Uncertain at this time if the bill will receive further hearings.*

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING-CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS (HB263, KOEHLER K): To revise the initial occupational licensing restrictions applicable to individuals convicted of criminal offenses.; 12/11/2019 - BILL AMENDED, House Commerce and Labor, (Fourth Hearing)

ELEVATOR LAW (HB289, BALDRIDGE B): To revise the Elevator Law.; 1/22/2020 - BILL AMENDED, House Commerce and Labor, (Fourth Hearing). **AGC Action:** *This bill has come up the past few General Assemblies. AGC worked with interested parties when it was first introduced to ensure it would not impact construction material hoists and lifts used during construction.*



CONTRACTOR PAYMENT DEADLINE (HB380, CROSS J, SWEENEY B): To require owners of construction projects to pay a contractor within thirty-five days of receiving a request for payment.; 12/11/2019 - House Commerce and Labor, (Second Hearing). **AGC Action:** *AGC has not taken a public position on the legislation yet, but has spoken to the Committee Chair about the legislation and its impact on contractors. Members expressed concerns with the 35-day payment period, and an amendment has been drafted to change it to 30 days, which was the bill's intent. AGC of Ohio's Board approved publicly supporting the bill on during its January 24, 2020 meeting.*

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE RECIPROCITY (HB432, POWELL J, LANG G): To require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circum; 12/11/2019 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing). **AGC Action:** *AGC has had conversations with licensed trade organizations about this bill. Many have concerns it may encourage out of state contractors with lesser qualifications from undercutting their business.*

TEMP STATE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES-MILITARY (SB7, LEHNER P, HACKETT R): Regarding temporary state occupational licenses for members of the military and their spouses.; 1/17/2020 - Sent to Governor for Signature

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES OFFENSES (SB33, HOAGLAND F): To modify certain criminal offenses with respect to critical infrastructure facilities and to impose fines and civil liability for damage to a critical infrastructure facility.; 12/11/2019 - House Public Utilities, (Seventh Hearing)

WATER AND SEWER FUNDS-MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS (SB38, SCHURING K): To revise the law governing municipal corporation use of water and sewer funds.; 12/17/2019 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)

MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS-TAX CREDIT (SB39, SCHURING K): To authorize an insurance premiums tax credit for capital contributions to transformational mixed use development projects.; 12/11/2019 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Economic and Workforce Development, (Fifth Hearing)

CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION (SB89, HUFFMAN M): With regard to career-technical education and the compensation of joint vocational school districts located in enterprise zones.; 1/23/2020 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)

DRUG SCREENINGS (SB156, GAVARONE T): To prohibit defrauding an alcohol, drug, or urine screening test.; 1/22/2020 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, Senate Judiciary, (Third Hearing)
AGC Action: *AGC supports the legislation, which was introduced at the request of CEA. A joint letter with AGC & OCA expressing support has been drafted and will be submitted to the committee hearing the bill.*

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SB204, SCHURING K, SYKES V): To authorize the creation of an airport development district for the purpose of funding public infrastructure improvements and attracting airlines and additional flights to a qualifying airport.; 12/10/2019 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, Senate Finance, (Second Hearing). **AGC Action:** *AGC met with the bill's sponsor to learn more about the proposal and its impact on public procurement for airport authorities. The bill's focus is more on financing and design, not construction procurement.*