



## 2024 ABC Legislative Priorities

### **PASSED - Continuing Contracts Legislation** (House Bill 149) – ABC Bill

Sponsors: Representative Danny Alvarez and Senator Nick DiCeglie

This legislation increases public procurement opportunities via the continuing contract process by increasing the cap per project from \$4 million to \$7.5 million. The bill also ties future caps to the Consumer Price Index to account for changes in the marketplace.

### **PASSED - Career and Technical Education Legislation** (House Bill 917) – ABC Bill

Sponsors: Representative John Snyder and Senator Corey Simon

This legislation is aimed at increasing career and technical education offerings in Florida by first reviewing what the state currently does, and then identifying any areas of the state that are CTE deserts. The bill charges the Department of Commerce to work with all levels of stakeholders to ensure that CTE offerings mirror the industries most in need of a skilled workforce. Lastly, it allows 16- and 17-year-olds to gain some on-the-job experience in the residential construction industry.

### **PASSED - Building Regulations** (House Bill 267) – Has ABC Language Included

Sponsors: Representative Esposito and Senator Nick DiCeglie

The main goal of this legislation is to set strict and expedited timelines for plans review and permit issuance for residential construction projects. ABC was able to include language in the bill relating to Private Provider Reforms that applies to both commercial and residential construction projects. It clarifies the definition of a private provider, it mandates that Building Departments don't harass private providers and lastly, ensures expediting of all private provider documents where the provider includes their official stamp as an Architect or Engineer.

### **PASSED - Employment Regulations** (House Bill 433) – ABC Part of Industry Joint Effort

Sponsors: Representative Esposito and Senator Jay Trumbull

This legislation ensures that Florida adheres to OSHA policies and practices as found in their General Duty of Care. Additionally, it acknowledges that OSHA is currently working on new and updated Heat Safety Standards that will become the Florida policy once adopted by OSHA. If OSHA takes too long, Florida will establish their own statewide standard. A uniform policy of providing a safe and healthy work environment for all employees by employers makes everyone in Florida safer.

### **PASSED - Tool Time Tax Holiday as Part of Tax Package**– ABC Requested

Sponsors: Representative McClain and Senator Broxson  
September 1-7

**PENDING** - ABC of FL Appropriation Request for Workforce Education – as part of the Budget