

# ASSEMBLY REPUBLICAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

A New Approach to  
Economic and Workforce  
Development In New York  
State

Economic and Workforce Development Agenda  
Related Legislation

## Economic and Workforce Development Related Legislation

***Inflation Relief & Consumer Assistance Plan:*** Eliminate sales tax on dozens of everyday items for two years, including (but not limited to) gasoline, personal care products, housekeeping supplies, and prepared foods ([A.1690](#), [Barclay](#)).

***Tax Simplification and Fairness Study:*** Establish a study to examine the current tax system to see if there is a benefit to eliminating existing tax credits and simplifying the tax code by taxing individuals at the same, lower rate ([A.4791](#), [Smullen](#)).

***Manufacturing Company Tax Credit:*** Create a tax credit for manufacturing companies that have one established place of business in the State and relocate a minimum of fifty employees from outside New York into the State. Provide that manufacturing companies shall be allowed a credit in the amount of 2.5 percent of the average salaries of newly created manufacturing jobs multiplied by the number of new jobs brought to the State ([A.2271](#), [Norris](#)).

***Manufacturer Real Property Tax Credit Increase:*** Increase the Manufacturer Real Property Tax Credit from 20 percent to 100 percent ([A.5441](#), [Palmesano](#)).

***Division of Regulatory Review and Economic Growth (D-RREG):*** Establish a division, led by a commissioner who has a fixed term, to review and make binding recommendations for the elimination of burdensome regulations ([A.5389](#), [Barclay](#)).

***Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency (LOFT):*** Require fiscal notes on proposed rules and Executive Orders affecting localities, and require legislative committee approval of certain proposed rules ([A.2903](#), [Jensen](#)).

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**Streamline Environmental Permitting Process:** Streamline the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process by making the Department of Environmental Conservation the lead agency if a permit process is to be carried out or approved by two or more State agencies, reducing the timeline allowed for certain steps of the SEQR and State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permitting processes, and clarifying which areas are eligible for inclusion on the State Register of Historic Preservation to clearly show businesses which locations may be subjected to an archaeological survey during the SPDES process ([A.5460, Barclay](#)).

**Dedicated Bridge and Highway Funding:** Dedicate a portion of gasoline sales tax revenues into the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund to ensure revenues are used on road and bridge repair ([A.5089, Palmesano](#)).

**Dedicated Highway And Bridge Trust Fund Reform Act:** Ensure that money deposited into the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund is spent for construction purposes and not DOT and DMV operational activities ([A.5082, Palmesano](#)).

**Increased Reimbursement Rates for Repairing State Arterials:** Increase reimbursement rates paid by the State to cities for repair and maintenance of State arterials; the rate would be raised to \$1.80 from \$0.85 per square yard of the pavement area that is included in the State highway system and an additional \$0.20, up from \$0.10, per square yard of such pavement area where such pavement area is located on any elevated bridge ([A.5078, Palmesano](#)).

**City Reimbursement for State Highway Construction:** Raise the amount of reimbursement from the current rate of not more than \$0.85 per square yard of the pavement area to a new rate of not more than \$1.80 per square yard of the pavement area ([A.5084, Palmesano](#)).

**Water Purification Tax Credit:** Create a tax credit for households or businesses that install water purification or filtration systems ([A.3739, Bendett](#)).

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**New York – Shop Local Program:** Provide immediate assistance to small businesses by providing grants of up to \$10,000 to support online marketing campaigns and social media strategies, and provide valuable business assistance to locally-owned businesses ([A.3626, Ra](#)).

**Small Business Infectious Disease Reduction Credit:** Establish a small business tax credit of up to \$5,000 for efforts to improve a facility in order to reduce the spread of infectious diseases ([A.3695, Bendett](#)).

**Minimum Wage Reimbursement:** Expand the eligibility to receive the Minimum Wage Reimbursement Credit to employers who pay the minimum wage plus fifty cents to certain employees ([A.4809, Norris](#)).

**Legislative Approval of Wage Board Orders:** Require legislative approval of minimum wage increases authorized through wage orders ([A.5419, Palmesano](#)).

**Earned Income Tax Credit Expansion:** Expand the New York State value of the Earned Income Tax Credit from 30 percent to 45 percent of the federal amount ([A.5442, Barclay](#)).

**Offer the Earned Income Tax Credit in Monthly Installments:** Offer the State EITC as installment payments instead of a lump sum when filing income taxes ([A.1737, Goodell](#)).

**Learning for Work Program:** A three-part plan to accelerate career readiness and reduce the burden of student loan debt:

- **Youth Apprenticeship Program:** Creates a one- or two-year program beginning in 11th or 12th grade that combines academic classroom coursework with mentored on-the-job training in a specific occupational area.
- **Enhanced Regents Professional Degree:** Students who enroll in the Youth Apprenticeship Program would earn this degree with a designation in their career field of choice.
  - Any student who is not offered or who decides not to seek employment in their field of choice will be awarded a minimum of 15 credit hours at any SUNY or CUNY institution.
- **Youth Apprenticeship Tax Credit:** Establishes a \$1,500 per apprentice tax credit for businesses that take part in the Youth Apprenticeship Program ([A.3200, Ra](#)).

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***Sector Partnership Enhancement and Reinforcement Program:*** Provide State support for the establishment or expansion of local sector partnerships designed to address industry-specific workforce and other training needs ([A.6496, Maher](#)).

***Regional Broadband Expansion and Access Act:*** Allow localities to work together and design regionally-based plans to ensure internet access to every citizen in their designated area utilizing available state and federal funding ([A.4686, Smullen](#)).

***NY Food Insecurity, Farm Resiliency, and Rural Poverty Initiative*** – Connect farmers with excess products to food banks while simultaneously providing farmers with grants and regulatory relief to help them expand and sustain their operations ([A.5708, Tague](#)).

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