

Transport Workers Union, Local 100 2011 Legislative Agenda

Bargaining Protections

School Bus Grievance – Provides wage and benefit protection for school bus drivers and monitors working under transportation contract by creation of due process hearings within the school board.

Taylor Law Reform (A6372, Abbate) Allows PERB to seek an injunction when a party engages in prohibited subjects of bargaining; employers engaged in extreme provocation, are penalized, and pay the labor organization for losses sustained from dues forfeiture; defines extreme provocation to include bargaining tactics that increase tensions.

Budget & Finance

Transit Lock Box (S4257, Golden | A6766, Brennan)Mandates that dedicated transit funds be used solely for that purpose.

Security/Safety Issues

Transit Authority Passenger Security & Safety Act (A641, Wright) Creates a New York City Transit Authority advisory panel to study and report on security and safety from terrorist acts, provides for a moratorium on the closing of token booths, and defines minimum staffing levels on trains.

Weapons Assault on Public Transport (A1872, Jeffries | **\$3934)** Classifies as assault in the second degree, class D felony, carrying a weapon on public transportation or facilities.

Bus Passenger Security & Safety Act Promulgates safety standards for all New York City Transit Authority surface passenger vehicles based on NYS 19A guidelines; creates a taskforce to achieve new standards in passenger security and safety for the riding public.

Track Safety (A2294, Clark) Renames the New York City Transit Authority Track Safety Task Force to the "Daniel Boggs -Marvin Franklin New York City Transit Track Safety Task Force".

Assault Bill (A3571, P. Rivera) Classifies as assault in the second degree, class D felony, intentionally causing injury to Cleaners of the MTA or a subsidiary.

Benefits

Health Insurance Coverage for Surviving Spouses or Domestic Partners (A6535, Abbate) Provides health insurance to surviving spouses or domestic partners of MTA employees. **Military Leave (A4440, Ortiz)** – Extends the current leave from 22 days to 44 days, with a possible extension of up to 60 days if necessary.

Pension Issues

20/50 Pension Establishes a twenty-year retirement program for employees of the New York City transit authority who are subject to article 15 of such law; establishes participation criteria for such plan; establishes vested benefits in such plan.

Lung Bill Provides that any lung condition resulting in partial disability or death to a member of the New York city transit authority, or its subsidiary corporation, shall be presumed to have been incurred in the performance and discharge of duty.

Childcare Pension Credit The bill will allow transit authority members of NYCERS, who have accumulated substantial periods for childcare, to obtain credit upon retirement for periods of childcare leave.

Heart Bill Provides that any heart condition resulting in partial disability or death to a member of the New York city transit authority, or a member of its subsidiary corporation shall be presumed to have been incurred in the performance or discharge of duty.

Allowable Service Credit Includes all service rendered prior to service in the NYC transit authority, which qualifies as city service for purposes of the 25-year and age 55-retirement program.

Retirees Issues

Medicare Part B Reimbursement (A6371, Abbate) Authorizes the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to reimburse on a monthly basis each authority retiree the cost of the premium for such retiree's enrollment in the hospital and medical program for the aged and disability for such retiree and his or her dependents.

25/55 Refund for Post Retirees Bill Provides a refund to retired transit members of NYCERS who were not included in the 2007 25/55 Pension Refund award.

Supplemental Benefit For Retirees Provides an additional supplemental pension to retired transit members of the NYCERS in the amount of a one shot payment of \$500.

