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At the American Subcontractors Association-Houston Chapter (ASA-HC), we proudly partner with the Texas Construction Association (TCA) to encourage legislative reform. Together, we help pass legislation that leaves a lasting impression on the construction industry, and bring members meaningful information regarding the latest news and regulations.



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# HITTING THE NAIL ON THE HEAD

Together with TCA, we are working to make a meaningful difference in the Texas construction industry. Our teams work tirelessly each legislative session to move important issues forward and bring reform that not only protects those individuals working in the field, but ensures safer, smarter industry standards. That work remains constant, even during years the legislature is not in session. At those times, we shift focus to the grassroots level, engaging members throughout Houston — and Texas as a whole — and encouraging them to get involved. We appreciate the sound support offered by our friends at TCA.

## TCA SUPPORTED LEGISLATION THAT PASSED

### State Breach of Contract

SB 2121 amends existing statutes governing immunity from lawsuit by governmental entities and allows the recovery of attorneys’ fees in lawsuits for breach of contract claims under \$250,000.

### School Background Checks

HB 3270 establishes when state mandatory background checks will apply for school construction projects. Workers on school construction projects will no longer be required to submit to a criminal check if they are working on greenfield projects, non-instructional facilities or secure job sites at existing schools.

### Choice of Law and Venue for Certain Construction Contracts

SB 807 extends current law that allows contractors and subcontractors to void clauses in construction contracts that requires disputes to be decided under

the law of another state, or for the dispute to be heard in another state, if the project is located in Texas to apply to all project participants, including architects, engineers, suppliers and equipment rental companies.

### Pathways in Technology College High School Program (P-TECH)

SB 22 establishes a P-TECH program for students who wish to participate in a work-based education program to improve student postsecondary achievement and labor market outcomes.

### Insurance for Businesses Participating in CTE Programs

HB 639 authorizes school districts or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school to obtain accident, liability or automobile insurance coverage to protect a business or entity that partners with the school district or charter school to provide students career and technology training.

## Past Wins

State Breach of Contract (2013 TX/HB 586)

Career and Technical Education Programs in Public Schools (2013 TX/HB 5)

Worker Classification Under Government Contracts (2013 TX/HB 2015)

Consolidated Insurance Program & Broad Form Indemnity Legislation (2011 TX/HB 2093)

Lien Waiver Legislation (2011 TX/HB 1456)

Retainage Lien Legislation (2011 TX/HB 1390)

Contingent Payment (2007 TX/SB 324)

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