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# **OPPOSE**

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The New York State Public Employees Federation, representing 59,000 Professional, Scientific, and Technical workers of New York State, opposes this legislation.

This bill would require mandatory continuing education for employees of all State agencies who participate in purchasing. While training is a good thing, this bill imposes a very extensive and costly mandate. We know of no evidence that it is needed. It also has the potential to affect the job status of current civil service employees. These employees are qualified professionals who have achieved permanent status in their positions through education, experience and passing a civil service exam. The employees cannot control whether the agency offers them continuing education as required by this bill. But if they are not offered the required education, the bill would prohibit them from doing their job. This makes little sense.

Since the Department of Economic Development is a State agency, it should be able to offer training services to other State agencies without the need for this legislation.

For these reasons, the Public Employees Federation urges you to oppose this legislation.

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