Human Resources Legislative Update

Ontario Introduces Security for Critical Facilities Legislation

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On April 10, 2013, the Ontario government introduced Bill 51, *Security for Courts, Electricity Generating Facilities and Nuclear Facilities Act, 2013*. If passed, Bill 51 would:

- Repeal the Public Works Protection Act;
- Amend the Police Services Act to establish powers that may be exercised by an authorized person relating to court security and to create corresponding offence provisions, among other matters; and
- Enact the *Security for Electricity Generating Facilities and Nuclear Facilities Act, 2013* to authorize specified persons to provide security in relation to premises where a restricted access facility, as defined, is located. Among other matters, the Act would establish powers that may be exercised by those persons and would include offence provisions. The process of appointment, qualification, training and oversight of those persons would be prescribed by regulation.