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## **Unions cheer measure to curb violence at work**

ALBANY — Public employees on Wednesday were cheering Gov. George Pataki's expected approval of a law to require public employers with more than 20 workers to develop plans for preventing workplace violence.

In addition to creating prevention plans and training employees in things like conflict resolution, the law would establish complaint procedures for workers to call attention to potential instances of workplace violence.

Pataki was expected to sign the measure late Wednesday, according to his office.

The measure was long sought by unions including the Civil Service Employees Association, which became deeply involved in the issue after 1992 when four members, who were social service workers, were murdered in Watkins Glen by a man angry about child support payments. He also killed himself.

— *Rick Karlin*