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Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT with House Amendments ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2170

Introduced by

Senators Magrum, Elkin

Representatives J. Johnson, Kasper, Koppelman

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 34-07 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to minors working in hazardous occupations; and to provide for a
- 3 legislative management study.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 34-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- 7 Minors working in hazardous occupations.
- 8 A minor who is at least sixteen years of age may be employed or permitted to work in a
- 9 <u>hazardous occupation if the minor is in a registered apprenticeship program or is a student</u>
- 10 <u>learner of an approved career and technical education program. Under this section, a parental</u>
- 11 <u>signature is required for the minor to participate as an apprentice or student learner. This</u>
- 12 <u>section does not limit the ability of a minor who is at least sixteen years of age to work in an</u>
- 13 occupation already permitted by law.

14 SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATE OFFICE OF

- 15 **APPRENTICESHIP.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider
- studying the feasibility and desirability of creating a state office of apprenticeship. The study
- 17 must include consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of creating the office in
- 18 comparison to apprenticeships remaining solely under the control of the federal department of
- 19 labor. The study must identify areas in which the state may exercise more control over the
- 20 federal labor law to provide more flexibility as it applies to minors at least sixteen years of age.
- 21 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
- 22 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.