

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 34-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to minors working in construction.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 34-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Employment of minors in hazardous locations.

A minor who is at least sixteen years of age may be employed or permitted to work in a hazardous occupation as a registered apprentice in a registered apprenticeship program or as a student learner of an approved career and technical education program. A parental signature is required for a minor to participate in an apprenticeship or a career and technical education program. This section shall not limit the ability of minors who are at least sixteen years of age to work as already permitted by law.

Legislative Management Study

The legislative management shall consider studying the desirability of creating a state office of apprenticeship under the supervision of the department of career and technical education. The study shall include the advantages and disadvantages of creating such an office in comparison to leaving apprenticeship solely under the control of the federal department of labor. The study shall identify areas in which the state may exercise more control over the federal labor law provisions to provide more flexibility as it applies to minors over the age of sixteen. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.