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A BILL

То	amend sections 3331.02 and 4109.07 of the	1
	Revised Code regarding age and schooling	2
	certificate requirements and work hours for a	3
	person under sixteen years of age.	4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3331.02 and 4109.07 of the	5
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	6
Sec. 3331.02. (A) The superintendent of schools or the	7
chief administrative officer, as appropriate pursuant to section	8
3331.01 of the Revised Code, shall not issue an age and	9
schooling certificate until the superintendent or chief	10
administrative officer has received, examined, approved, and	11
filed the following papers duly executed:	12
(1) The written pledge or promise of the person,	13
partnership, or corporation to legally employ the child, and for	14
this purpose work performed by a minor, directly and exclusively	15
for the benefit of such minor's parent, in the farm home or on	16
the farm of such parent is legal employment, irrespective of any	17
contract of employment, or the absence thereof, to permit the	18

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child to attend school as provided in section 3321.08 of the
Revised Code, and give notice of the nonuse of an age and
schooling certificate within five days from the date of the
child's withdrawal or dismissal from the service of that person,
partnership, or corporation, giving the reasons for such
withdrawal or dismissal;

- (2) The child's school record or notification. As used in this division, a "school record" means documents properly filled out and signed by the person in charge of the school which the child last attended, giving the recorded age of the child, the child's address, standing in studies, rating in conduct, and attendance in days during the school year of the child's last attendance; "notification" means the information submitted to the superintendent by the parent of a child exempt from attendance at school pursuant to section 3321.042 of the Revised Code.
 - (3) Evidence of the age of the child as follows:
- (a) A certified copy of an original birth record or a 36 certification of birth, issued in accordance with Chapter 3705. 37 of the Revised Code, or by an officer charged with the duty of 38 recording births in another state or country, shall be 39 conclusive evidence of the age of the child; 40
- (b) In the absence of such birth record or certification 41 of birth, a passport, or duly attested transcript thereof, 42 showing the date and place of birth of the child, filed with a 43 register of passports at a port of entry of the United States; 44 or an attested transcript of the certificate of birth or baptism 45 or other religious record, showing the date and place of birth 46 of the child, shall be conclusive evidence of the age of the 47 child; 48

- (c) In case none of the above proofs of age can be

 produced, other documentary evidence, except the affidavit of

 the parent, guardian, or custodian, satisfactory to the

 superintendent or chief administrative officer may be accepted

 in lieu thereof;

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- (d) In case no documentary proof of age can be procured, 54 the superintendent or chief administrative officer may receive 55 and file an application signed by the parent, quardian, or 56 custodian of the child that a medical certificate be secured to 57 establish the sufficiency of the age of the child, which 58 59 application shall state the alleged age of the child, the place and date of birth, the child's present residence, and such 60 further facts as may be of assistance in determining the age of 61 the child, and shall certify that the person signing the 62 application is unable to obtain any of the documentary proofs 63 specified in divisions (A)(3)(a), (b), and (c) of this section; 64 and if the superintendent or chief administrative officer is 65 satisfied that a reasonable effort to procure such documentary 66 proof has been without success such application shall be granted 67 and the certificate of the school physician or if there be none, 68 of a physician, a physician assistant, a clinical nurse 69 specialist, or a certified nurse practitioner employed by the 70 board of education, that said physician, physician assistant, 71 clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse practitioner is 72 satisfied that the child is above the age required for an age 73 and schooling certificate as stated in section 3331.01 of the 74 Revised Code, shall be accepted as sufficient evidence of age. 75
- (4) A certificate, including an athletic certificate of
 examination, from a physician licensed pursuant to Chapter 4731.
 of the Revised Code, a physician assistant, a clinical nurse
 specialist, or a certified nurse practitioner, or from the
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district health commissioner, showing after a thorough
examination that the child is physically fit to be employed in
such occupations as are not prohibited by law for a boy or girl,
as the case may be, under eighteen years of age; but a
certificate with "limited" written, printed, marked, or stamped
thereon may be furnished by such physician, physician assistant,
clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse practitioner and
accepted by the superintendent or chief administrative officer
in issuing a "limited" age and schooling certificate provided in
section 3331.06 of the Revised Code, showing that the child is
physically fit to be employed in some particular occupation not
prohibited by law for a boy or girl of such child's age, as the
case may be, even if the child's complete physical ability to
engage in such occupation cannot be vouched for.

- (5) A minor work hour notification form described in division (D) of this section that is signed by the child's parent or legal guardian.
- (B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, a physical fitness certificate described in division (A) (4) of this section is valid for purposes of that division while the child remains employed in job duties of a similar nature as the job duties for which the child last was issued an age and schooling certificate. The superintendent or chief administrative officer who issues an age and schooling certificate shall determine whether job duties are similar for purposes of this division.
- (2) A "limited" physical fitness certificate described in division (A)(4) of this section is valid for one year.
- (C) The superintendent of schools or the chief 108 administrative officer shall require a child who resides out of 109

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school is in session;	138	
$\frac{(6)}{(7)}$ For more than eight hours in any day which is not a school day;	139 140	
$\frac{(7)}{(8)}$ For more than forty hours in any week that school is not in session.	141 142	
(B) No person under sixteen years of age may be employed more than forty hours in any one week nor during school hours unless employment is incidental to bona fide programs of vocational cooperative training, work-study, or other work-oriented programs with the purpose of educating students, and the program meets standards established by the department of education and workforce.	143 144 145 146 147 148	
(C) No employer shall employ a minor more than five consecutive hours without allowing the minor a rest period of at least thirty minutes. The rest period need not be included in the computation of the number of hours worked by the minor. (D) No person sixteen or seventeen years of age who is required to attend school under Chapter 3321. of the Revised Code shall be employed:	150 151 152 153 154 155	
(1) Before seven a.m. on any day that school is in session, except such person may be employed after six a.m. if the person was not employed after eight p.m. the previous night; (2) After eleven p.m. on any night preceding a day that	157 158 159 160	
(E) As used in this section, "school" refers to either a school the child actually attends or a school he is required to attend pursuant to Chapter 3321. of the Revised Code.	161 162 163 164	
Section 2. That existing sections 3331.02 and 4109.07 of	165	

the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

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