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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

AN ACT

RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Introduced By: Representatives Amore, Regunberg, O'Brien, Fogarty, and O'Grady

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 28-3-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-3 entitled "Employment of Women and Children" is hereby amended to read as follows:

28-3-3. Issuance of limited permits for work by children. — (a) The school committee of each city or town, or any person that the school committee may designate, may issue for any child who has completed fourteen (14) years of age and has successfully completed a training program on worker rights established under subsection (b) of this section a special limited permit to work, permitting the employment of the child on days on which schools are not in session, and on school days at hours in which schools are not in session, at any legal employment and subject to the requirements of law limiting the employment of children, but not for employment in factories or in mechanical or manufacturing establishments. The permits to work shall be uniform throughout the state, and the permit to work form shall be prescribed and provided by the department of labor and training. The school committee of each city or town, or any person that the school committee may designate to issue the permits to work provided for in this section, shall keep on file a copy of each permit to work granted, together with the evidence on which the permit to work was granted.

(b) The department of labor and training shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to establish a training program, funded by the department, for those children seeking a work permit under this section. The purpose of the program shall be to educate the child of worker

- 1 rights and protections including, but not limited to, the provisions of this chapter.
- 2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This act would require school committees to issue a special limited permit to a child fourteen (14) years of age, only if the child has completed a training program on worker rights. It 2 3 would also provide for the department of labor and training to promulgate rules and regulations to 4 establish the program. This act would take effect upon passage. 5 LC001206