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NJSA: 34:2-21.17f & 34:2-21.17g (Child labor laws—exempts minors in science education programs)
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SPONSOR(S): Martin

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COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** -----

SENATE: Education

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S987

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes

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Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S987

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

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SENATE, No. 987

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209TH LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator Robert J. Martin

District 26 Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Exempts minors from the child labor laws by authorizing them to participate in educational programs in science sponsored by the private sector.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning minors participating in certain educational
2 programs in science and supplementing P.L.1940, c.153 (C.34:2-
3 21.1 et seq.).

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Section 17 of P.L.1940, c.153 (C.34:2-21.17) shall not apply to
9 minors under the age of 18 who have the approval of a parent or
10 guardian to participate or work in any educational program in science.
11 A school student shall not participate or work in the program more
12 than 20 hours per week during the school year.

13 As used in this act "educational program in science" means any
14 program in which minors under the age of 18 participate in scientific
15 projects or activities pursuant to an educational program under the
16 guidance of adult sponsors from private business and industry.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill creates an exemption to the child labor laws by permitting
24 minors under the age of 18 who have the approval of a parent or
25 guardian to participate or work in any educational program in science.
26 The student, however, could not participate or work in the program
27 more than 20 hours per week during the school year. An "educational
28 program in science" means any program in which minors under the age
29 of 18 participate in scientific projects or activities pursuant to an
30 educational program under the guidance of adult sponsors from the
31 private sector.

32 High school students under the age of 18 are prohibited by the child
33 labor laws from working in an industrial laboratory setting.
34 Unfortunately, this prevents many employers from inviting talented
35 young students into their laboratories to conduct hands-on science
36 projects.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 987

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 20, 2000

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 987.

As amended, this bill creates an exemption to the child labor laws by permitting minors under the age of 18 who have reached the ninth grade or higher and who have the approval of a parent or guardian to participate or work in any educational program in science. The student, however, could not participate or work in the program more than 20 hours per week during the school year. An "educational program in science" is defined as a program in which any minor under the age of 18 who has reached the ninth grade or higher participates in a scientific project or activity located in a research facility pursuant to an educational program under the supervision of the minor's school and adult sponsors from the private sector. No supervision by a school would be required, however, if the minor is a high school graduate.

Prior to the adoption of regulations, to be promulgated by the Commissioner of Labor in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, participation in an educational program in science would be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Labor.

High school students under the age of 18 are prohibited by the child labor laws from working in an industrial laboratory setting. Unfortunately, this prevents many employers from inviting talented young students into their laboratories to conduct hands-on science projects.

The committee amended the bill to require: 1) the minor to have reached the ninth grade or higher; 2) the minor to be under school supervision unless the minor is a high school graduate; 3) the scientific project to be located in a research facility; 4) the promulgation of regulations by the Commissioner of Labor; and 5) approval of the Commissioner of Labor for participation prior to the adoption of regulations.

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 987

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209TH LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator Robert J. Martin

District 26 Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Wolfe and Gusciora

SYNOPSIS

Exempts minors participating in science education programs under school and business supervision from certain child labor laws.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on March 20, 2000, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/12/2000)

1 AN ACT concerning minors participating in certain educational
2 programs in science and supplementing P.L.1940, c.153 (C.34:2-
3 21.1 et seq.).

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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13 than 20 hours per week during the school year.

14 As used in this act "educational program in science " means ¹[any]
15 a¹ program in which ¹[minors] any minor¹ under the age of 18
16 ¹[participate] who has successfully reached the ninth or higher grade
17 level participates¹ in ¹a¹ scientific ¹[projects] project¹ or ¹[activities]
18 activity located in a research facility¹ pursuant to an educational
19 program under the ¹[guidance] supervision¹ of ¹the minor's school
20 and¹ adult sponsors from private business and industry¹, provided that
21 no supervision by a school shall be required if the minor is a high
22 school graduate¹.

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24 ¹2. The Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the
25 Commissioner of Education, shall, pursuant to the "Administrative
26 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt rules and
27 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.¹

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29 ¹[2.] 3.¹ This act shall take effect immediately. ¹Prior to the
30 adoption of regulations pursuant to section 2 of this act, participation
31 in an educational program in science shall be subject to the approval
32 of the Commissioner of Labor.¹

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SED committee amendments adopted March 20, 2000.

P.L. 2000, CHAPTER 31, *approved June 23, 2000*
Senate, No. 987 (*First Reprint*)

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CHAPTER 31

AN ACT concerning minors participating in certain educational programs in science and supplementing P.L.1940, c.153 (C.34:2-21.1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.34:2-21.17f Inapplicability of C.34:2-21.17 under certain circumstances; "educational program in science" defined.

1. Section 17 of P.L.1940, c.153 (C.34:2-21.17) shall not apply to minors under the age of 18 who have successfully reached the ninth or higher grade level and who have the approval of a parent or guardian to participate or work in any educational program in science. A school student shall not participate or work in the program more than 20 hours per week during the school year.

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C.34:2-21.17g Rules, regulations.

2. The Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately. Prior to the adoption of regulations pursuant to section 2 of this act, participation in an educational program in science shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Labor.

Approved June 23, 2000.

Office of the Governor
NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: June 23, 2000

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following legislation:

S-987, sponsored by Senator Robert J. Martin (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), and Assemblymen David W. Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Reed Gusciora (D-Mercer), creates an exemption to New Jersey's child labor laws by permitting minors, who have approval of a parent or guardian and who have reached the ninth grade level or higher, to participate or work in hands-on, supervised, science education programs. The student cannot participate more than 20 hours per week during the school year.

Under the current law, individuals must be 18 years of age or older to work in an industrial laboratory setting. This prevents many employers from inviting talented young students into their laboratories to conduct hands-on science projects. This bill will allow New Jersey's youth with a unique opportunity to participate in educational programs sponsored by high technology and science based corporations.

S-870, sponsored by Senator James S. Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Assemblymen David C. Russo (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Charles Zisa (D-Bergen), would raise the page rate court transcribers can charge to litigants for transcripts of stenographic records and other court recordings. This bill is intended to bring New Jersey's court transcript fees in line with those paid to court transcribers by other states and the federal government.

Currently, court transcribers are paid \$1.50 for each page of the original and \$.50 for each page of a copy. This bill would raise the page rate to \$3.00 for each page of the original. The fee for each page of a copy would remain at \$.50.

The bill also provides that these rates would be increased every five years to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. Lastly, the bill makes a technical amendment to the statute governing transcript fees to reflect that the court transcripts are to be prepared in the manner prescribed by the Rules of the Court of the State of New Jersey.