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H. B. No. 402

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ABILL

T.O	amend sections 3331.01, 3331.02, 3331.06, 3331.07,	1
	3331.08, 3331.09, 3331.11, 3331.12, 3331.13,	2
	3331.14, 4109.02, 4109.03, 4109.06, 4109.08, and	3
	4109.09, to repeal sections 3331.05 and 3331.15 of	4
	the Revised Code, and to amend the version of	5
	section 4109.08 of the Revised Code that is	6
	scheduled to take effect January 1, 2002, to	7
	continue the provisions of this act on and after	8
	that effective date, to require the electronic	9
	filing of age and schooling certificates and, for	10
	nonpublic schools, require the chief administrative	11
	officer of a nonpublic school to issue age and	12
	schooling certificates instead of the	13
	superintendent of the school district, and to make	14
	other changes relative to age and schooling	15
	certificates	16

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

	Sect	cion 1. Th	nat section	ons 3331.0	01, 3331.0	2, 3331.0	06, 3331.07,	17
3331	.08,	3331.09,	3331.11,	3331.12,	3331.13,	3331.14,	4109.02,	18
4109	.03,	4109.06,	4109.08,	and 4109	.09 of the	Revised	Code be	19

upon satisfactory proof that the employment contemplated by the

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child is not prohibited by any law regulating the employment of such children; and the employer of any minor for whom such age and schooling certificate has been issued shall keep such age and schooling certificate on file. Section 4113.08 of the Revised Code does not apply to such employer in respect to such child while engaged in an employment legal for a child of the age stated therein.

(D) Age and schooling certificate forms shall be formulated approved by the state board of education, and except in cases otherwise specified by sections 3331.04 and 3331.05 of the Revised Code must be printed on white paper, including forms submitted electronically. Except as otherwise provided in this section, every such application for an age and schooling certificate must be signed in the presence of the officer issuing it by the child in whose name it is issued.

(E) A child who resides in a local school district shall apply for an age and schooling certificate with the appropriate superintendent of the local school district or chief <u>administrative officer</u> and shall furnish the superintendent <u>or</u> chief administrative officer all information required by this chapter in support of the issuance of a certificate. The local superintendent shall forward all such information to the educational service center superintendent. If upon receiving, examining, approving, and filing such information the educational service center superintendent issues a certificate, such superintendent shall deliver it to the local superintendent. No certificate issued in this manner shall be valid until signed in the presence of the local superintendent by the child in whose name it is issued. During any time the offices of the local school district close during regular business hours, a child who resides in the local district may apply directly to the educational service center superintendent who may issue an age and schooling

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last attended; giving the recorded age of the child, his the	113
child's address, standing in studies, rating in conduct, and	114
attendance in days during the school year of his the child's last	115
attendance, and if that was not a full year, during the preceding	116
school year;	117
$\frac{(C)}{(3)}$ Evidence of the age of the child as follows:	118
$\frac{(1)}{(a)}$ A certified copy of an original birth record or a	119
certification of birth, issued in accordance with Chapter 3705. of	120
the Revised Code, or by an officer charged with the duty of	121
recording births in another state or country, shall be conclusive	122
evidence of the age of the child;	123
$\frac{(2)}{(b)}$ In the absence of such birth record or certification	124
of birth, a passport, or duly attested transcript thereof, showing	125
the date and place of birth of the child, filed with a register of	126
passports at a port of entry of the United States; or an attested	127
transcript of the certificate of birth or baptism or other	128
religious record, showing the date and place of birth of the	129
child, shall be conclusive evidence of the age of the child;	130
$\frac{(3)}{(c)}$ In case none of the above proofs of age can be	131
produced, other documentary evidence, except the affidavit of the	132
parent, guardian, or custodian, satisfactory to the superintendent	133
or chief administrative officer may be accepted in lieu thereof;	134
$\frac{(4)(d)}{(d)}$ In case no documentary proof of age can be procured,	135
the superintendent or chief administrative officer may receive and	136
file an application signed by the parent, guardian, or custodian	137
of the child that a physician's certificate be secured to	138
establish the sufficiency of the age of the child, which	139
application shall state the alleged age of the child, the place	140
and date of birth, $\frac{1}{1}$ the child's present residence, and such	141
further facts as may be of assistance in determining the age of	142
the child, and shall certify that the person signing the	143
application is unable to obtain any of the documentary proofs	144

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specified in divisions $\frac{(C)}{(1)}(A)(3)(a)$, $\frac{(2)}{(b)}$, and $\frac{(3)}{(c)}$ of	145

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specified in divisions (C) (1)(A)(3)(a), (2)(b), and (3)(c) of this section; and if the superintendent or chief administrative officer is satisfied that a reasonable effort to procure such documentary proof has been without success such application shall be granted and the certificate of the school physician or if there be none, of a physician employed by the board of education, that said physician is satisfied that the child is above the age required for an age and schooling certificate as stated in section 3331.01 of the Revised Code, shall be accepted as sufficient evidence of age;

(D)(4) A certificate, including an athletic certificate of examination, from the school a physician licensed pursuant to Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or physician designated by him assistant licensed pursuant to Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code, or if there is no school physician from the district health commission, or physician designated by him 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 diagonally across its face thereon may be furnished by such physician or physician assistant 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.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, 174

a physical fitness certificate described in division (A)(4) of 175

this section is valid for purposes of that division while the 176

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child remains employed in job duties of a similar nature as the	177
job duties for which the child last was issued an age and	178
schooling certificate. The superintendent or chief administrative	179
officer who issues an age and schooling certificate shall	180
determine whether job duties are similar for purposes of this	181
division.	182
(2) A "limited" physical fitness certificate described in	183
division (A)(4) of this section is valid for one year.	184
(C) The superintendent of schools or the chief administrative	185
officer shall require a child who resides out of this state to	186
file all the information required under division (A) of this	187
section. The superintendent of schools or the chief administrative	188
officer shall evaluate the information filed and determine whether	189
to issue the age and schooling certificate using the same	190
standards as those the superintendent or officer uses for in-state	191
children.	192
Sec. 3331.06. The age and schooling certificate provided in	193
sections 3331.01 to 3331.05, inclusive, <u>3331.04</u> of the Revised	194
Code, shall be issued only with the word "limited" printed_	195
marked, or stamped diagonally across its face thereon if the	196
certificate of the physician provided in section 3331.02 or	197
3331.07 of the Revised Code, is a limited certificate, and in that	198
case the particular employment to which it is limited shall be	199
stated in the certificate, and the certificate cannot serve as the	200
legal age and schooling certificate for employment in another	201
occupation.	202
Sec. 3331.07. When an age and schooling certificate, returned	203
according to section 3331.02 of the Revised Code, is reissued, the	204
pledge of the new employer and shall be secured and filed. A	205
physical fitness certificate from the school a physician or other	206

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person in his stead physician assistant as described in division	207
(A)(4) of section 3331.02 of the Revised Code shall also be	208
secured and filed if the physical fitness certificate used in the	209
issuing of the previously issued age and schooling certificate is	210
no longer valid, as determined pursuant to division (B) of section	211
3331.02 of the Revised Code.	212
Sec. 3331.08. In case a superintendent of schools refuses to	213
excuse a child from attendance at school for one of the reasons	214
stated in section 3321.04 of the Revised Code, or a superintendent	215
or a chief administrative officer refuses upon request to grant an	216
age and schooling certificate as provided in section 3331.01 of	217
the Revised Code, an appeal may be taken from such decision to the	218
juvenile judge of the county, upon the giving of bond, within ten	219
days thereafter, to the approval of such judge, to pay the costs	220
of appeal. His The juvenile judge's decision in the matter shall	221
be final.	222
Sec. 3331.09. The superintendent of schools or chief	223
administrative officer issuing an age and schooling certificate	224
may revoke such certificate on account of noncompliance with	225
stipulations, physical condition of the child, or other sufficient	226
cause. The superintendent, or other issuing authority of the	227
district in which the child is employed may revoke the age and	228
schooling certificate of such child for failure to attend	229
part-time schools or classes as required by sections 3321.08 and	230
3321.10 of the Revised Code.	231
Sec. 3331.11. Records shall be kept on file in <u>available from</u>	232
the office issuing the age and schooling certificate:	233
(A) Giving all the facts contained in every age and school	234
certificate issued;	235
(B) The names and addresses of the children to whom	236

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certificates have been refused, together with the names of the	237
schools and grades which such children should attend and the	238
reasons for the refusal;	239
(C) All certificates returned or no longer used, as provided	240
in sections <u>section</u> 3331.02 and 3331.05 of the Revised Code, with	241
the reasons therefor, and the subsequent assignment of the child	242
to a school;	243
(D) The conditions on which any certificates were issued;	244
(E) The pledge given in connection with the certificate;	245
(F) The special facts connected with the issuing of	246
nonstandard or limited certificates. The superintendent of public	247
instruction may prescribe methods for the filing, including	248
electronic filing, of all such facts, records, and papers, for the	249
purpose of effective reference. These records are not required in	250
cases of certificates denied to those determined immediately at	251
the time of inquiry to be of insufficient age.	252
No age and schooling certificate shall be valid for	253
employment in any other school district than that in which it is	254
issued, unless it is countersigned by the certificate-issuing	255
authority of the district in which the child is employed, which	256
issuing authority shall give its countersignature upon	257
presentation of such certificate.	258
Sec. 3331.12. When any officer charged with the enforcement	259
of child labor laws discovers any child who in his the officer's	260
judgment is under fourteen years of age employed by a person who	261
is not the parent or guardian of such child, the officer may cause	262
such child to discontinue employment until satisfactory proof of	263
lawful age is furnished. Any child over fourteen years of age	264
employed during hours when the public school to which he is	265
assigned is not in session in occupations not prohibited to him by	266

A valid certificate constitutes conclusive evidence of the	297
age of the minor and of the employer's right to employ the minor	298
in occupations not denied by law to minors of that age under	299
section 4109.06 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under that	300
section.	301
(B) The following minors aged sixteen or seventeen are not	302
required to provide an age and schooling certificate as a	303

(1) Those who are to be employed during summer vacation months after the last day of the school term in the spring and before the first day of the school term in the fall, in nonagricultural and nonhazardous employment as defined by the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," 52 Stat. 1060, 29 U.S.C.A. 201, and similar state statutes, or in other employment not prohibited to minors age sixteen or seventeen by law;

condition of employment:

- (2) Unless required by the superintendent of schools of the school district where the minor resides or by the chief administrative officer of the nonpublic or community school the child attends, those who are to be employed not more than two months before the last day of the school term in the spring and not more than two months after the first day of the school term in the fall by a seasonal amusement or recreational establishment, on the condition that the following are satisfied:
- (a) For the period prior to Memorial day and after Labor day while school is in session, they are to be employed only for hours that occur between the end of the school day on Friday and eleven p.m. on Sunday.
- (b) For the period from Memorial day until the last day of the school term in the spring and from the first day of the school term in the fall until Labor day, they are to be employed only for hours that occur between the end of the school day and nine p.m.

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on Monday through Thursday and only for hours that occur between	328
the end of the school day on Friday and eleven p.m. on Sunday.	329
(C) To be hired for the type of employment described in	330
division (B) of this section, minors shall provide the employer	331
with the following:	332
(1) Evidence of proof of age in the same manner as proof of	333
age is provided the superintendent of schools or chief	334
<u>administrative officer</u> under division $\frac{(C)(A)(3)}{(A)(3)}$ of section 3331.02	335
of the Revised Code;	336
(2) A statement signed by the minor's parent or guardian	337
consenting to the proposed employment. For the purposes of this	338
section, in the absence of a parent or guardian, a person over	339
eighteen years of age with whom the minor resides may sign the	340
statement.	341
(3) An age and schooling certificate if one is required under	342
division (B)(2) of this section by the superintendent of schools	343
of the school district where the minor resides or by the chief	344
administrative officer of the nonpublic or community school the	345
<u>child attends</u> .	346
The employer shall retain a copy of the proof of age and the	347
statement of consent with the employment records of the minor.	348
(D) As used in this section:	349
(1) "Labor day" and "Memorial day" have the same meanings as	350
provided for those days in section 1.14 of the Revised Code.	351
(2) "Seasonal amusement or recreational establishment" means	352
both of the following:	353
(a) An amusement or recreational establishment that does not	354
operate for more than seven months in any calendar year;	355
(b) An amusement or recreational establishment whose average	356
receipts for any six months during the preceding calendar year	357

motion picture star, or as an actor or performer in motion

pictures or in radio or television productions in accordance with

the rules adopted pursuant to division (A) of section 4109.05 of

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the Revised Code;	388
(4) The participation without remuneration of a minor with the consent of a parent or guardian, in a performance given by a church, school, or academy, or at a concert or entertainment given	389 390 391
solely for charitable purposes, or by a charitable or religious institution;	392 393
(5) To minors who are employed by their parents in occupations other than occupations prohibited by rule adopted under this chapter;	394 395 396
(6) Minors engaged in the delivery of newspapers to the consumer;	397 398
(7) Minors who have received a high school diploma or a certificate of attendance from an accredited secondary school or a certificate of high school equivalence;	399 400 401
(8) Minors who are currently heads of households or are parents contributing to the support of their children;	402 403
(9) Minors engaged in lawn mowing, snow shoveling, and other related employment;	404 405
(10) Minors employed in agricultural employment in connection with farms operated by their parents, grandparents, or guardians where they are members of the guardians' household. Minors are not exempt from this chapter if they reside in agricultural labor camps as defined in section 3733.41 of the Revised Code.	406 407 408 409 410 411
(B) Sections 4109.02, 4109.08, 4109.09, and 4109.11 of the Revised Code do not apply to:	412 413
(1) Minors who work in a sheltered workshop operated by a county board of mental retardation;	414 415
(2) Minors performing services for a nonprofit organization where the minor receives no compensation, except for any expenses	416 417

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incurred by the minor or except for meals provided to the minor;	418
(3) Minors employed in agricultural employment and who do not	419
reside in agricultural labor camps.	420
(C) Division (D) of section 4109.07 of the Revised Code does	421
not apply to minors who have their employment hours established as	422
follows:	423
(1) A minor adjudicated to be an unruly child or delinquent	424
child who, as a result of the adjudication is placed on probation	425
may either file a petition in the juvenile court in whose	426
jurisdiction the minor resides, or apply to the superintendent $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$	427
the school district or to the chief administrative officer who	428
issued the minor's age and schooling certificate pursuant to	429
section 3331.01 of the Revised Code alleging the restrictions on	430
the hours of employment described in division (D) of section	431
4109.07 of the Revised Code will cause a substantial hardship or	432
are not in the minor's best interests. Upon receipt of a petition	433
or application, the court or, the superintendent, or the chief	434
administrative officer, as appropriate, shall consult with the	435
person required to supervise the minor on probation. If after such	436
consultation the court or, the superintendent, or the chief	437
administrative officer finds the minor has failed to show the	438
restrictions will result in a substantial hardship or that the	439
restrictions are not in the minor's best interests, the court or_{\star}	440
the superintendent, or the chief administrative officer shall	441
uphold the restrictions. If after such consultation the court $\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{r}}$	442
the superintendent, or the chief administrative officer finds the	443
minor has shown the restricted hours will cause a substantial	444
hardship or are not in the minor's best interests, the court $\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{r}}$	445
the superintendent, or the chief administrative officer shall	446
establish differing hours of employment for the minor and notify	447

the minor and the minor's employer of such hours, which shall be

binding in lieu of the restrictions on the hours of employment

described in division	(D)	of	section	4109.07	of	the	Revised	Code.	450
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- (2) Any minor to whom division (C)(1) of this section does not apply may either file a petition in the juvenile court in whose jurisdiction the person resides, or apply to the superintendent of the school district or to the chief administrative officer who issued the minor's age and schooling certificate pursuant to section 3331.01 of the Revised Code alleging the restrictions on the hours of employment described in division (D) of section 4109.07 of the Revised Code will cause a substantial hardship or are not in the minor's best interests.
- If, as a result of a petition or application, the court or, the superintendent, or the chief administrative officer, as appropriate, finds the minor has failed to show such restrictions will result in a substantial hardship or that the restrictions are not in the minor's best interests, the court or, the superintendent, or the chief administrative officer shall uphold the restrictions. If the court or, superintendent, or chief administrative officer finds the minor has shown the restricted hours will cause a substantial hardship or are not in the minor's best interests, the court or, superintendent, or chief administrative officer shall establish the hours of employment for the minor and shall notify the minor and the minor's employer of such hours.
- (D) As used in this section, "certificate of high school equivalence" means a statement issued by the state board of education or an equivalent agency of another state that the holder thereof has achieved the equivalent of a high school education as measured by scores obtained on the tests of general educational development published by the American council on education.
- **Sec. 4109.08.** (A) No minor shall be employed unless the 479 employer keeps on the premises a complete list of all minors 480

employed by the employer at a particular establishment and a printed abstract to be furnished by the director of commerce summarizing the provisions of this chapter.

The list and abstract shall be posted in plain view in a conspicuous place which is frequented by the largest number of minor employees, and to which all minor employees have access.

- (B) An enforcement official may require any employer, in or about whose establishment an employee apparently under eighteen years of age is employed and whose age and schooling certificate is not filed on file with the director of commerce as required by section 4109.02 3331.01 of the Revised Code, to furnish the enforcement official satisfactory evidence that the employee is in fact eighteen years of age or older. The enforcement official shall require from the employer, unless an over-age certificate issued in accordance with section 3331.15 of the Revised Code is held by the employee, the same evidence of age of the employee as is required by section 3331.02 of the Revised Code upon the issuance of an age and schooling certificate. No employer shall fail to produce the evidence.
- (C) Any employee apparently under eighteen years of age, working in any occupation or establishment with respect to which there are restrictions by rule or law governing the employment of minors, with respect to whom the employer has not furnished satisfactory evidence that the person is at or above the age required for performance of employment with the employer after being requested to do so, and who refuses to give to an enforcement official the employee's name, age, and place of residence may be taken into custody and charged with being an unruly child or other appropriate charge under Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code.
- (D) No person shall, with the intent to assist a minor to procure employment, make a false statement by any means, including

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by submitting falsified forms electronically, to any employer or	513
to any person authorized to issue an age and schooling	514
certificate.	515
Sec. 4109.09. (A) After a minor employee has made a written	516
request that an employer return his give notice of the nonuse of	517
the minor's age and schooling certificate, should the employer	518
fail to mail the document to the issuing authority within three	519
days of receipt of the request, the minor shall be entitled to	520
recover from the employer an amount equal to the wages which $\displaystyle \frac{he}{}$	521
would have <u>been</u> earned had he <u>the minor</u> continued in employment	522
for the period between the receipt of the request by the employer	523
and the initiation of the suit or compliance with the request by	524
the employer.	525
(B) If any minor fails to appear for work without explanation	526
for three days, an employer shall consider the employment	527
terminated, and shall return give notice of the nonuse of the age	528
and schooling certificate to the issuing authority.	529
Section 2. That existing sections 3331.01, 3331.02, 3331.06,	530
3331.07, 3331.08, 3331.09, 3331.11, 3331.12, 3331.13, 3331.14,	531
4109.02, 4109.03, 4109.06, 4109.08, and 4109.09 and sections	532
3331.05 and 3331.15 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	533
Section 3. On and before December 31, 2001, an employer who	534
employs minors of compulsory school age shall do all of the	535
following:	536
(A) Before employing a minor, extract from the minor the	537
minor's age and schooling certificate and keep the certificate of	538
each minor the employer employs on file in the establishment where	539
the minor is employed or in the office of the business or in the	540
residence in or about which the minor is employed for inspection	541
by any enforcement official;	542

(B) Return a minor's age and schooling certificate to the	543
superintendent of schools or the superintendent's authorized	544
representative, or give notice of the nonuse of the certificate	545
within five working days after the minor's withdrawal or dismissal	546
from the employer's service;	547
(C) Permit an enforcement official to examine the age and	548
schooling certificate of each minor employed by the employer.	549
Section 4. That the version of section 4109.08 of the Revised	550
Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2002, be amended	551
to read as follows:	552
Sec. 4109.08. (A) No minor shall be employed unless the	553
employer keeps on the premises a complete list of all minors	554
employed by the employer at a particular establishment and a	555
printed abstract to be furnished by the director of commerce	556
summarizing the provisions of this chapter.	557
The list and abstract shall be posted in plain view in a	558
conspicuous place which is frequented by the largest number of	559
minor employees, and to which all minor employees have access.	560
(B) An enforcement official may require any employer, in or	561
about whose establishment an employee apparently under eighteen	562
years of age is employed and whose age and schooling certificate	563
is not filed on file with the director of commerce as required by	564
section $\frac{4109.02}{3331.01}$ of the Revised Code, to furnish the	565
enforcement official satisfactory evidence that the employee is in	566
fact eighteen years of age or older. The enforcement official	567
shall require from the employer, unless an over-age certificate	568
issued in accordance with section 3331.15 of the Revised Code is	569
held by the employee, the same evidence of age of the employee as	570
is required by section 3331.02 of the Revised Code upon the	571

issuance of an age and schooling certificate. No employer shall

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fail to produce the evidence.	573
(C) Any employee apparently under eighteen years of age,	574
working in any occupation or establishment with respect to which	575
there are restrictions by rule or law governing the employment of	576
minors, with respect to whom the employer has not furnished	577
satisfactory evidence that the person is at or above the age	578
required for performance of employment with the employer after	579
being requested to do so, and who refuses to give to an	580
enforcement official the employee's name, age, and place of	581
residence may be taken into custody and charged with being an	582
unruly child or other appropriate charge under Chapter 2151. or	583
2152. of the Revised Code.	584
(D) No person shall, with the intent to assist a minor to	585
procure employment, make a false statement by any means, including	586
by submitting falsified forms electronically, to any employer or	587
to any person authorized to issue an age and schooling	588
certificate.	589
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Section 5. That the existing version of section 4109.08 of	590
the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2002,	591
is hereby repealed.	592
Section 6. Sections 4 and 5 of this act shall take effect	593
January 1, 2002.	594