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A BILL

То	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, and to repeal sections 3331.05 and 3331.15	4
	of the Revised Code, to require the electronic	5
	filing of age and schooling certificates and, for	6
	nonpublic schools, require the chief administrative	7
	officer of a nonpublic school to issue age and	8
	schooling certificates instead of the	9
	superintendent of the school district, and to make	10
	other changes relative to age and schooling	11
	certificates.	12

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

Section 1. That sections 3331.01, 3331.02, 3331.06, 3331.07,	13
3331.08, 3331.09, 3331.11, 3331.12, 3331.13, 3331.14, 4109.02,	14
4109.03, 4109.06, 4109.08, and 4109.09 of the Revised Code be	15
amended to read as follows:	16

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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. Forms shall not display the social security number of the child. 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 superintendent of the local school district and shall furnish the superintendent or 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 certificate directly to the child. The educational service center

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of the child that a physician's certificate be secured to establish the sufficiency of the age of the child, which application shall state the alleged age of the child, the place and date of birth, his the child's present residence, and such further facts as may be of assistance in determining the age of the child, and shall certify that the person signing the application is unable to obtain any of the documentary proofs specified in divisions $\frac{(C)}{(1)}\frac{(A)}{(3)}\frac{(A)}{(a)}$, $\frac{(2)}{(b)}$, and $\frac{(3)}{(c)}$ 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

Sec. 3331.11. Records shall be kept on file in available from	237
the office issuing the age and schooling certificate:	238
(A) Giving all the facts contained in every age and school	239
certificate issued;	240
(B) The names and addresses of the children to whom	241
certificates have been refused, together with the names of the	242
schools and grades which such children should attend and the	243
reasons for the refusal;	244
(C) All certificates returned or no longer used, as provided	245
in sections section 3331.02 and 3331.05 of the Revised Code, with	246
the reasons therefor, and the subsequent assignment of the child	247
to a school;	248
(D) The conditions on which any certificates were issued;	249
(E) The pledge given in connection with the certificate;	250
(F) The special facts connected with the issuing of	251
nonstandard or limited certificates. The superintendent of public	252
instruction may prescribe methods for the filing, including	253
electronic filing, of all such facts, records, and papers, for the	254
purpose of effective reference. These records are not required in	255
cases of certificates denied to those determined immediately at	256
the time of inquiry to be of insufficient age.	257
No age and schooling certificate shall be valid for	258
employment in any other school district than that in which it is	259
issued, unless it is countersigned by the certificate-issuing	260
authority of the district in which the child is employed, which	261
issuing authority shall give its countersignature upon	262
presentation of such certificate.	263
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Sec. 3331.12. When any officer charged with the enforcement	264

of child labor laws discovers any child who in $\frac{\mbox{\sc his}}{\mbox{\sc the officer's}}$

section or in section 4109.06 of the Revised Code, no minor of

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compulsory school age shall be employed by any employer unless the	296
minor presents to the employer a proper age and schooling	297
certificate as a condition of employment. The employer shall keep	298
the certificate on file in the establishment where the minor is	299
employed or in the office of the business or in the residence in	300
or about which the minor is employed for inspection by any	301
enforcement official.	302

A valid certificate constitutes conclusive evidence of the age of the minor and of the employer's right to employ the minor in occupations not denied by law to minors of that age under section 4109.06 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under that section.

- (B) The following minors aged sixteen or seventeen are not required to provide an age and schooling certificate as a condition of employment:
- (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;
- (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

by the Ohio department of education;

(3) A minor participating in a play, pageant, or concert	387
produced by an outdoor historical drama corporation, a	388
professional traveling theatrical production, a professional	389
concert tour, or a personal appearance tour as a professional	390
motion picture star, or as an actor or performer in motion	391
pictures or in radio or television productions in accordance with	392
the rules adopted pursuant to division (A) of section 4109.05 of	393
the Revised Code;	394
(4) The participation without remuneration of a minor with	395
the consent of a parent or guardian, in a performance given by a	396
church, school, or academy, or at a concert or entertainment given	397
solely for charitable purposes, or by a charitable or religious	398
institution;	399
(5) To minors who are employed by their parents in	400
occupations other than occupations prohibited by rule adopted	401
under this chapter;	402
(6) Minors engaged in the delivery of newspapers to the	403
consumer;	404
(7) Minors who have received a high school diploma or a	405
certificate of attendance from an accredited secondary school or a	406
certificate of high school equivalence;	407
(8) Minors who are currently heads of households or are	408
parents contributing to the support of their children;	409
(9) Minors engaged in lawn mowing, snow shoveling, and other	410
related employment;	
(10) Minors employed in agricultural employment in connection	412
with farms operated by their parents, grandparents, or guardians	413
where they are members of the guardians' household. Minors are not	414
exempt from this chapter if they reside in agricultural labor	415

camps as defined in section 3733.41 of the Revised Code.

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- (B) Sections 4109.02, 4109.08, 4109.09, and 4109.11 of the 418
 Revised Code do not apply to: 419
- (1) Minors who work in a sheltered workshop operated by a 420 county board of mental retardation; 421
- (2) Minors performing services for a nonprofit organization 422 where the minor receives no compensation, except for any expenses 423 incurred by the minor or except for meals provided to the minor; 424
- (3) Minors employed in agricultural employment and who do not 425 reside in agricultural labor camps. 426
- (C) Division (D) of section 4109.07 of the Revised Code does not apply to minors who have their employment hours established as follows:
- (1) A minor adjudicated to be an unruly child or delinquent child who, as a result of the adjudication is placed on probation may either file a petition in the juvenile court in whose jurisdiction the minor 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. Upon receipt of a petition or application, the court or, the superintendent, or the chief administrative officer, as appropriate, shall consult with the person required to supervise the minor on probation. If after such consultation the court or, the superintendent, or the chief administrative officer finds the minor has failed to show the 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 after such consultation the court or,

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minor has shown the restricted hours will cause a substantial
hardship or are not in the minor's best interests, the court or,
the superintendent, or the chief administrative officer shall
establish differing hours of employment for the minor and notify
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.

(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 employer keeps on the premises a complete list of all minors 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

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employs minors of compulsory school age shall do all of the	541
following:	542
(A) Before employing a minor, extract from the minor the	543
minor's age and schooling certificate and keep the certificate of	544
each minor the employer employs on file in the establishment where	545
the minor is employed or in the office of the business or in the	546
residence in or about which the minor is employed for inspection	547
by any enforcement official;	
(B) Return a minor's age and schooling certificate to the	549
superintendent of schools or the superintendent's authorized	550
representative, or give notice of the nonuse of the certificate	551
within five working days after the minor's withdrawal or dismissal	552
from the employer's service;	
(C) Permit an enforcement official to examine the age and	554
schooling certificate of each minor employed by the employer.	555