



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5494

LCO No. 2670



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
CLASSIFICATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) The Labor Commissioner shall
2 conduct a study relating to youth employment classification. Such study
3 shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) An analysis of current work-
4 based learning experience programs for minors that require payment of
5 the minimum fair wage, and (2) the benefits and considerations
6 necessary to reclassify such work-based learning experience programs
7 in order to allow such programs to be eligible to provide stipends to
8 minors participating in such programs in lieu of payment of the fair
9 minimum wage. For purposes of this subsection, "minimum fair wage"
10 has the same meaning as provided in section 31-58 of the general
11 statutes.

12 (b) Not later than January 1, 2027, the commissioner shall report the
13 results of such study to the joint standing committee of the General
14 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public

15 employees, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
16 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

LAB *Joint Favorable*