

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The hiring of minors as umpires to officiate summer sports has been a common practice by many park districts and not-for-profit youth clubs throughout the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Allowing minors to officiate the games gives the minors an opportunity to participate in an all-American sport, interact with the younger children, practice important decision making skills, and develop a sense of responsibility and commitment for the work experience; and

WHEREAS, Many of the park districts and not-for-profit youth clubs restrict the amount of hours that a minor may work during a given day or season; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Child Labor Law currently prohibits minors under the age of 16 from being compensated for employment unless the minor fits one of the limited exceptions under the law; there are exceptions for other summer employment of youths such as caddying at a golf course; and

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners, the DuPage County Board, and the Darien Youth Club have indicated their strong support for the creation of an exemption in the Child Labor Law to allow minors to officiate in youth sports leagues and programs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Department of Labor to work with the General Assembly to permit the hiring of minors who are at least 12 years of age to officiate youth sports leagues and programs; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2   presented to the Director of Labor.