

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1027 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, ARGALL, BAKER, BROOKS, DUSH, FONTANA, GEBHARD, GORDNER, HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, REGAN, ROBINSON, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, J. WARD AND YUDICHAK, JANUARY 20, 2022

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, JUNE 13, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L.1209, No.151),
2 entitled "An act regulating child labor; conferring powers
3 and duties on the Department of Labor and Industry and the
4 Department of Education; imposing penalties; and making a
5 repeal," further providing for minors serving in volunteer
6 emergency service organizations.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 ~~Section 1. Section 7(a) of the the act of October 24, 2012 <--~~
10 ~~(P.L.1209, No.151), known as the Child Labor Act, is amended by~~
11 ~~adding a paragraph to read:~~

12 SECTION 1. SECTION 7(A) (5) OF THE ACT OF OCTOBER 24, 2012 <--
13 (P.L.1209, NO.151), KNOWN AS THE CHILD LABOR ACT, IS AMENDED TO
14 READ:

15 Section 7. Minors serving in volunteer emergency service
16 organizations.

17 (a) General rule.--An individual who is 14 years of age or
18 older who is a member of a volunteer emergency service
19 organization may participate in training and emergency service

1 activities except as follows:

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3 ~~(7) A minor may not engage in training for an interior~~ <--
4 ~~firefighting module with live burns unless all of the~~
5 ~~following apply:~~

6 ~~(i) The minor is 17 years of age or older.~~

7 ~~(ii) The minor has permission to engage in the~~
8 ~~training from a fire chief and a parent or guardian of~~
9 ~~the minor.~~

10 ~~(iii) The minor is under the supervision of a~~
11 ~~credentialed Pennsylvania State Fire Academy instructor.~~

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13 (5) A MINOR MAY NOT ENTER A BURNING STRUCTURE UNDER ANY <--
14 CIRCUMSTANCE [**INCLUDING A TRAINING EXERCISE.**] EXCEPT WHEN
15 ENGAGED IN A TRAINING SESSION FOR AN INTERIOR FIREFIGHTING
16 MODULE WITH LIVE BURNS AND ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

17 (I) THE MINOR IS 17 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

18 (II) THE MINOR HAS PERMISSION TO ENGAGE IN THE
19 TRAINING FROM A FIRE CHIEF AND A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF
20 THE MINOR.

21 (III) THE MINOR IS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A
22 CREDENTIALLED PENNSYLVANIA STATE FIRE ACADEMY INSTRUCTOR.

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24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.