

# SENATE BILL 172

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Employment for Minors – Opportunities for Work**  
3 **(Job Opportunities for High School Students Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, subject to a certain  
5 limitation, to release certain personal information of a minor who has a work permit  
6 to certain entities that have requested and have registered with the Maryland  
7 Department of Labor for the purposes of receiving the information; and generally  
8 relating to the employment of minors and work permits.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Labor and Employment  
11 Section 3–206  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Labor and Employment**

17 3–206.

18 (a) A parent or guardian of a minor may apply for a work permit by completing  
19 an online application that includes:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



- 1 (1) verification of the minor's age;
- 2 (2) a description of the work to be performed by the minor;
- 3 (3) approval by the parent or guardian of the minor's employment; and
- 4 (4) any other information the Commissioner may require.

5 (b) After reviewing an online application for a work permit, the Commissioner  
6 may issue the permit if the employment is allowed under this subtitle for the minor for  
7 whom the permit is sought.

8 (c) (1) The Commissioner may issue a work permit that authorizes a minor to  
9 be employed in an occupation that otherwise would be restricted under § 3–213 of this  
10 subtitle, if the minor:

11 (i) is exempted, under § 7–301(d)(2)(i) of the Education Article, from  
12 attendance in public school because the emotional, mental, or physical condition of the  
13 minor makes instruction detrimental to the progress of the minor;

14 (ii) is to be employed only in office work;

15 (iii) is to be employed in work that is performed outside of all rooms  
16 where goods are manufactured or processed; or

17 (iv) is to be employed in work that a county school system obtains  
18 and supervises as part of a work–study, student–learner, or similar program for which the  
19 employment is an integral part of the course of study.

20 (2) The Commissioner shall issue a work permit that authorizes a minor to  
21 be employed:

22 (i) in an occupation that otherwise would be restricted under §  
23 3–213 of this subtitle if the minor is granted an exception by the Commissioner because,  
24 after investigation, the Commissioner determines that neither the work nor the work site  
25 where the work is to be performed is hazardous to the minor; or

26 (ii) in an occupation that otherwise would be restricted under §  
27 3–213(c)(1) or (2) of this subtitle, if the minor:

28 1. has completed a course of study in that occupation at an  
29 accredited school and has been graduated from the school; or

30 2. is granted an exception by the Commissioner because  
31 employment in that occupation is part of a work–study, student–learner, or apprentice  
32 program under a federal, State, or local governmental agency.

1 (D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
2 COMMISSIONER SHALL RELEASE THE NAME, HOME ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE  
3 NUMBER OF A MINOR WHO IS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD AND HAS A WORK PERMIT TO  
4 THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS THAT REQUEST AND HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE  
5 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE INFORMATION:

6 (I) EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORS;

7 (II) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND INSTITUTIONS; AND

8 (III) LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS THAT HAVE  
9 SYSTEMS TO SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH EMPLOYERS, APPRENTICESHIP  
10 SPONSORS, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND INSTITUTIONS THAT REGISTER  
11 WITH THE LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
12 RECEIVING THE INFORMATION.

13 (2) THE COMMISSIONER MAY RELEASE INFORMATION RELATING TO  
14 A MINOR ONLY IF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR OR THE MINOR ELECTS TO  
15 ALLOW THE SHARING OF THE INFORMATION.

16 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO  
17 CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION, INCLUDING THE PROCESS BY WHICH A PARENT OR  
18 GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR OR THE MINOR MAY OPT IN TO THE SHARING OF  
19 INFORMATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.