

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Senator Gordon**

A BILL ACT 1170 OF 1991
SENATE BILL 418

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 11, CHAPTER 6,
9 SUBCHAPTER 1 TO ADD A NEW SECTION CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL
10 BASEBALL WORK AS A 'BATBOY' OR 'BATGIRL'; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 11, Chapter 6, Subchapter 1 is amended
16 to add a new section to read as follows:

17 "11-6-113. Professional baseball work as 'batboy' or 'batgirl'
18 permitted.

19 (a) The purpose of this section is to provide children with an
20 opportunity to develop business interests related to professional baseball,
21 and to promote in them a spirit of thrift and industry by encouragement of
22 their engagement in a particular situation when the child, parent, and
23 community will be benefitted and which tends to prevent juvenile delinquency.

24 (b) A minor may be employed or may enter into contracts upon written
25 approval of the parent or guardian of the minor to serve as and perform the
26 duties of a 'batboy' or 'batgirl', for a professional baseball club, during
27 the school term or during vacation, if the child is attending school, as
28 required by law, and does not engage in the employment or activity except at
29 times when his presence is not required at school. The provisions of §§11-6-
30 101 - 11-6-112, with respect to child labor, shall not be applicable with
31 respect to the contract or employment as authorized in this section.

32 (c) The provisions of this section shall be applicable only where the
33 provision is made by the employer or professional baseball club to provide
34 insurance or indemnity for injury to or death of the minor arising out of
35 bodily injury caused by an accident when the accident hazard arises while the
36 minor is on the business of the employer or performing the activities set out

1 in the contract.

2 (d) *No child shall be employed or permitted to work pursuant to the*
3 *provisions of this section for more than ten (10) hours in any day or after*
4 *11:00 p.m. on nights preceding school days or after 1:00 a.m. on nights*
5 *preceding nonschool days."*

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7 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
8 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
9 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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11 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
12 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
13 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
15 act are declared to be severable.

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17 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
18 hereby repealed.

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20 SECTION 5. *EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General*
21 *Assembly that the Child Labor Laws of this state prohibit children from*
22 *working as "batboys" or "batgirls" at baseball games; that children need this*
23 *opportunity to develop business interests related to professional baseball and*
24 *to promote in them a spirit of thrift and industry by encouraging their*
25 *involvement in situations where the parent, child and community will be*
26 *benefitted; and that this act provides the opportunity for children to serve*
27 *as "batboys" or "batgirls". Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to*
28 *exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the*
29 *public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and*
30 *after its passage and approval.*

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/s/Gordon

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