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5   By: Representative S. Prater

6   By: Senator Salmon

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For An Act To Be Entitled

10   AN ACT TO CREATE A CHILD LABOR LAW EXEMPTION TO

11   ALLOW YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE AS SPORTS REFEREES IN

12   CERTAIN SPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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17   AS SPORTS REFEREES IN CERTAIN SPORTS.

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

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22   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 11, Chapter 6, is amended to add an

23   additional section to read as follows:

24   11-6-116. Sports officiating permitted in certain sports.

25   (a) As used in this section, "employed as a sports official" means

26   employed as an official, referee, or umpire in organized youth football,

27   baseball, softball, basketball, or soccer leagues.

28   (b) Except as provided in this section, the provisions of this chapter

29   relating to child labor shall not apply to a minor at least eleven (11) years

30   of age employed as a sports official for an age bracket younger than the

31   minor's own age if:

32   (1) An adult representing the state or local athletic program is

33   on the premises at which the athletic program event is occurring; and

34   (2) A person responsible for the state or local athletic program

35   possesses a written acknowledgment signed by the minor's parent or guardian

36   consenting to the minor's employment as a sports official.

1   (c) The provisions of §§ 11-6-108 and 11-6-110, relating to hours of
2 employment, shall apply to any minor employed under this section.
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