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**LET CHARTER SCHOOLS ISSUE
WORK PERMITS**

House Bill 5789

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Green

Committee: Human Resources and Labor

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5789 AS INTRODUCED 4-23-96

Currently, under the Youth Employment Standards Act, minors must have a work permit issued by the "issuing officer" of the school district in which the minor resides or where the minor's place of employment is located. "Issuing officer" is defined to mean "a superintendent of a school district or intermediate school district, or a person whom the superintendent authorizes in writing to act on behalf of the superintendent."

The bill would amend the act to allow private and charter schools also to issue work permits. The bill would change the definition of "issuing officer" to mean "the chief administrator of a school district or intermediate school district, public school academy, or nonpublic school, or a person authorized by that chief administrator in writing to act on his or her behalf." The bill also would change current provisions that require the work permit to be issued by the issuing officer of the school district or intermediate school district in which the minor resides. Instead, the bill would require the work permit to be issued by the issuing officer of the school district or intermediate school district, public school academy, or nonpublic school at which the minor was enrolled. Further, a work permit could be issued by the public school academy or nonpublic school nearest the minor's place of employment, in addition to the school district in which his or her place of employment is located. Finally, the bill would allow written agreements or contracts to be entered into between the employer and the "governing body" (instead of the board of education) not only of the school district but also of the public school academy or nonpublic school at which the minor was enrolled.

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