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House Bill 5732 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)

Sponsor: Representative Glenn Oxender

House Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

Senate Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Youth Employment Standards Act to allow certain minors to work extended hours in "farming operations involved in the production of seed". (The bill would define "farming operations involved in the production of seed" as farming activities and research involved in the production of seed, including plant detasseling, hand-pollination, roguing, or hoeing, and any other similar farming activity required for commercial seed production.)

The Act generally prohibits the employment of a minor 16 years of age or older for more than six days in one week; a period longer than a weekly average of eight hours per day, or 48 hours in one week; or 10 hours in one day, except as otherwise permitted during school vacation periods or when the minor is not regularly enrolled in school. Under the Act, however, a minor 16 years of age or older may be employed in agricultural processing for a period of time greater than that otherwise permitted, if all of the following conditions are met: if the minor is a student in school, the extended work period occurs when school is not in session; the minor is employed for not more than 11 hours in one day; the minor is employed for not more than 62 hours in one week for not more than four weeks; the minor is not employed between 2:00 a.m. and 5:30 a.m.; and, the agricultural processing employer maintains on file a written acknowledgment of the minor's parent or guardian consenting to the authorized employment period.

The bill would retain these provisions and apply them to minor employed in farming operations involved in the production of seed. The bill also would increase from four to six the number of weeks that a minor may be employed for up to 62 hours in any week. The bill specifies that for the remaining weeks, the minor could not be employed for more than 48 hours per week in a calendar year.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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