

S 637

Child Labor Prevention Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 2, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill extends the prohibitions against child labor to independent contractors and increases the penalties for violations of such laws.

Specifically, the bill expands the definition of an *employer* under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to include any person engaging an individual for the performance of work (including an independent contractor). The bill also expands the definition of *work* to include the performance of services for remuneration.

Further, the bill replaces the current maximum civil penalty of \$11,000 for a violation of the child labor laws with a minimum civil penalty of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$132,270 (or, in the case of a violation that causes death or serious injury, \$25,000 and \$601,150, respectively). The civil penalties must be increased annually to match any percent increase in the Consumer Price Index.

Repeat or willful offenders may be fined not more than \$50,000 and imprisoned for not more than 1 year.

Actions Timeline

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