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H.B. No. 581

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to exempting from certain employment restrictions the  
3 employment of certain children engaged in the direct sale of  
4 newspapers to the general public.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 51.003(a), Labor Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a) This chapter does not apply to employment of a child:

9 (1) employed:

10 (A) in a nonhazardous occupation;

11 (B) under the direct supervision of the child's  
12 parent or an adult having custody of the child; and

13 (C) in a business or enterprise owned or operated  
14 by the parent or custodian;

15 (2) 11 years or older engaged in delivery of  
16 newspapers to the consumer;

17 (3) participating in a school-supervised and  
18 school-administered work-study program approved by the commission;

19 (4) employed in agriculture during a period when the  
20 child is not legally required to be attending school;

21 (5) employed through a rehabilitation program  
22 supervised by a county judge; ~~or~~

23 (6) engaged in nonhazardous casual employment that  
24 will not endanger the safety, health, or well-being of the child and

1 to which the parent or adult having custody of the child has  
2 consented; or

3 (7) 14 years or older engaged in the direct sale of  
4 newspapers to the general public.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.