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LET YOUTH VOLUNTEER IN CHARITABLE HOUSE BUILDING

House Bill 5896

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Committee: Employment Relations,
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5896 AS INTRODUCED 6-20-00

The Youth Employment Standards Act lists activities to which it does not apply or prohibit a minor from engaging in. The list includes domestic work or chores in connection with private residences; soliciting, distributing, selling, or offering for sale newspapers, magazines, periodicals, or political or advertising matter; shoe shining; services performed as members of recognized youth oriented organizations engaged in citizenship training and character building; employment in a parent's or guardian's business; farm work that doesn't violate the federal Department of Labor standards; and employment by a school, academy, or college in which the minor is enrolled as a student and is at least 14 years old.

The bill would amend the act to add to this list construction work or operations performed as an unpaid volunteer, if the construction work or operations were performed under adult supervision for a charitable housing organization. The bill would define "charitable housing organization" to mean a nonprofit charitable organization whose primary purpose was the construction or renovation of residential housing for conveyance to a "low-income person," which the bill would define as a person with a family income of not more than 60 percent of the statewide median gross income. ("Family income" and "statewide median gross income" are defined in the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966 in reference to how they are determined under the federal Internal Revenue Code.) Finally, the bill would define "construction work or operations" to mean those activities included in the North American Industry Classification System as published by the federal Office of Management and Budget, and would include the repair or cleanup of a construction site.

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