
OLR Bill Analysis

HJ 217

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES PERMITTING CONGRESS TO REGULATE CHILD LABOR.

SUMMARY

This resolution ratifies a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving Congress the power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of people younger than age 18. It also specifies that the amendment does not impair states' power, except that state laws must be suspended as necessary to implement Congressional legislation.

The resolution requires the governor to forward certified copies to the president of the United States, U.S. Senate president pro tempore, U.S. House, and each member of Connecticut's congressional delegation.

Congress passed the resolution proposing this amendment in 1924. Currently, 28 states have ratified it. (Connecticut previously rejected ratification in 1925.) A proposed amendment becomes valid if three-quarters of the states (i.e., 38 total) ratify it; the archivist of the United States subsequently publishes it as a new amendment to the U.S. Constitution (U.S. Const. Art. V; 1 U.S.C. § 106b).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 5 (03/22/2024)