
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 3, 1908.

Mr. GALLINGER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

A BILL

To regulate the employment of child labor in the District of Columbia.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That no child under fourteen years of age shall be employed,
4 permitted, or suffered to work in the District of Columbia in
5 any factory, workshop, mercantile establishment, store,
6 business office, telegraph office, restaurant, hotel, apartment
7 house, theater, bowling alley, or in the distribution or trans-
8 mission of merchandise or messages. No such child shall be
9 employed in any work performed for wages or other com-
10 pensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when
11 the public schools of the District of Columbia are in session,
12 nor before the hour of six o'clock in the morning or after the
13 hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

1 SEC. 2. That no child under sixteen years of age shall
2 be employed, permitted, or suffered to work in the District
3 of Columbia in any of the establishments named in section
4 one unless the person or corporation employing him procures
5 and keeps on file and accessible to the inspectors authorized
6 by this Act and the truant officers of the District of Columbia
7 an age and schooling certificate, and keeps two complete lists
8 of all such children employed therein, one on file and one
9 conspicuously posted near the principal entrance of the build-
10 ing in which such children are employed.

11 SEC. 3. That an age and schooling certificate shall be
12 approved only by the superintendent of public schools, or by
13 a person authorized by him in writing, who shall have au-
14 thority to administer the oath provided for therein, but no fee
15 shall be charged therefor.

16 SEC. 4. That an age and schooling certificate shall not
17 be approved unless satisfactory evidence is furnished by duly
18 attested transcript of the certificate of birth or baptism of
19 such child, or other religious record, or the register of birth
20 or the affidavit of the parent or guardian or custodian of a
21 child, which affidavit shall be required, however, only in
22 case such last-mentioned transcript of the certificate of birth
23 be not procured and filed, showing the place and date of
24 birth of such child, which affidavit must be taken before
25 the officer issuing the employment certificate, who is hereby

1 authorized and required to administer such oath, and who
2 shall not demand or receive a fee therefor.

3 SEC. 5. That the age and schooling certificate of a child
4 under sixteen years of age shall be in the following form:

5 AGE AND SCHOOLING CERTIFICATE.

6 This certifies that I am the (father, mother, guardian,
7 or custodian) of (name of child) _____, and that
8 (he or she) was born at (name of town or city) _____, in
9 the county of (name of county, if known) _____ and State
10 (or country) of _____, on the (day and year of birth)
11 _____, and is now (number of years and months) _____
12 old.

13 (Signature of father, mother, guardian, or custodian.)

14 (Date.)

15 There personally appeared before me the above-
16 named (name of person signing) _____, and made
17 oath that the foregoing certificate by (him or her) signed
18 is true to the best of (his or her) knowledge and belief. I
19 hereby approve the foregoing certificate of (name of child)
20 _____; height (feet and inches), _____; eyes
21 (color), _____; complexion (fair or dark), _____; hair
22 (color), _____, having no sufficient reason to doubt that
23 (he or she) is of the age therein certified. I hereby certify
24 that (he or she) can read at sight and can write legibly
25 simple sentences in the English language, and that (he or

1 she) has reached the normal development of a child of (his
2 or her) age, and is in sound health and is physically able to
3 perform the work which (he or she) intends to do, and that
4 (he or she) has regularly attended the public schools, or a
5 school equivalent thereto, for not less than one hundred and
6 thirty days during the school year previous to arriving at
7 the age of fourteen years, or during the the year previous to
8 applying for such school record, and has received during such
9 period instruction in reading, spelling, writing, English
10 grammar, and geography, and is familiar with the funda-
11 mental operations of arithmetic, to and including fractions.

12 This certificate belongs to (name of child in whose be-
13 half it is drawn) ———— ————, and is to be surrendered to
14 (him or her) whenever (he or she) leaves the services of
15 the corporation or employer holding the same; but if not
16 claimed by said child within thirty days from such time, it
17 shall be returned to the superintendent of schools.

18 (Signature of person authorized to approve and sign,
19 with official character or authority.)

20 (Date.)

21 A duplicate of each age and schooling certificate shall
22 be filled out and kept on file by the superintendent of public
23 schools. Any explanatory matter may be printed with such
24 certificate, in the discretion of said superintendent.

1 SEC. 6. That whoever employs a child under sixteen
2 years of age, and whoever, having under his control a child
3 under such age, permits such child to be employed in viola-
4 tion of sections one, two, eight, or nine of this Act shall,
5 for such offense, be fined not more than fifty dollars; and
6 whoever continues to employ any child in violation of any
7 of said sections of this Act, after being notified by an in-
8 spector authorized by this Act or a truant officer of the Dis-
9 trict of Columbia, shall for every day thereafter that such
10 employment continues be fined not less than five dollars nor
11 more than twenty dollars. A failure to produce to an in-
12 spector authorized by this Act or a truant officer of the Dis-
13 trict of Columbia any age or schooling certificate or list
14 required by this Act shall be prima facie evidence of illegal
15 employment of any person whose age and schooling cer-
16 tificate is not produced or whose name is not listed. Any
17 corporation or employer retaining any age and schooling cer-
18 tificate in violation of section five of this Act shall be fined
19 ten dollars. Every person authorized to sign the certificate
20 prescribed by section five of this Act who knowingly certifies
21 to any materially false statement therein shall be fined not
22 more than fifty dollars.

23 SEC. 7. That inspectors authorized by this Act and
24 the truant officers of the District of Columbia may visit the
25 establishments named in section one and ascertain whether

1 any minors are employed therein contrary to the provisions
2 of this Act, and they shall report any cases of such illegal
3 employment to the superintendent of public schools and the
4 corporation counsel of the District of Columbia. Inspectors
5 authorized by this Act and the truant officers of the District
6 of Columbia may require that the age and schooling certifi-
7 cates and lists provided for in this Act of minors employed
8 in the establishments named in section one shall be produced
9 for their inspection.

10 SEC. 8. That no minor under sixteen years of age shall
11 be employed, permitted, or suffered to work in any of the
12 establishments named in section one more than eight hours
13 in any one day, or before the hour of six o'clock anteme-
14 ridian or after the hour of seven o'clock postmeridian, and
15 in no case shall the number of hours exceed forty-eight in a
16 week.

17 SEC. 9. That every employer shall post in a conspicu-
18 ous place in every room where such persons are employed
19 a printed notice, stating the number of hours required of
20 them on each day of the week, the hours of commencing and
21 stopping work, and the hours when the time or times allowed
22 for dinner or for other meals begin and end. The printed
23 form of such notice shall be furnished by the inspectors au-
24 thorized by this Act and the truant officers of the District
25 of Columbia, and the employment of any such person for a

1 longer time in any day than that so stated shall be deemed
2 a violation of this section.

3 SEC. 10. That the Commissioners of the District of
4 Columbia are hereby authorized to appoint two inspectors to
5 carry out the purposes of this Act, at a compensation not ex-
6 ceeding one thousand two hundred dollars each per annum.

7 SEC. 11. That the juvenile court of the District of
8 Columbia is hereby given jurisdiction in all cases arising
9 under this Act.

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