

CHAPTER 108**(SB 49)**

AN ACT relating to youth employment in sports programs and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 339.210 is amended to read as follows:

As used in KRS 339.220 to 339.450:

- (1) "Gainful occupation" does not include employment in farm work or in domestic service in a private home, nor occasional employment by a householder in connection with the household and not in connection with the householder's business or occupation, such as grass cutting or carrying ashes or similar casual domestic tasks, nor the delivery of newspapers on regularly scheduled routes, nor to employment as an actor or performer in motion pictures or theatrical productions, or in radio or television productions, nor to employment of minors by their own parents or persons standing in the place of a parent in occupations other than manufacturing, mining, or those found by the commissioner of the Department of Workplace Standards to be particularly hazardous; *and*
- (2) "*Gainful occupation*" does not include a minor who is at least twelve (12) years of age working as a referee, umpire, or official in a youth athletic program subject to the following:
 - (a) *The minor is a referee, umpire, or official for an age bracket younger than the minor's own age;*
 - (b) *An adult representing the youth athletic program is on the premises where the athletic event is occurring; and*
 - (c) *The minor has on file with the person responsible for assigning the minor to officiate for the youth athletic program the original or a copy of a written consent to the child's employment as a referee, umpire, or official signed by the minor's parent or guardian.*

➔Section 2. Whereas youth referees, umpires, and officials are an integral part of youth athletics and necessary for the operation of youth athletic programs in Kentucky, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming law.

Signed by Governor April 10, 2014.