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118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 615, L.D. 840, Bill, "An Act to Have State Wage Laws Conform with the Federal Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2.

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1997-98

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Bureau of  
Labor Standards

All Other \$11,259

Provides for the appropriation of funds to revise the minimum wage poster.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

**1997-98**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund \$11,259

This bill will require the revision of the minimum wage poster by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards. A General Fund appropriation of \$11,259 in fiscal year 1997-98 is required for printing and mailing costs. If other bills are enacted that also require changes to this poster, the cost properly allocated to this bill can be reduced.

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class E crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

The additional costs associated with reviewing the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 can be absorbed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment removes the provision in the original bill that permits the payment of an opportunity wage of \$4.25 per hour to employees under the age of 20 for their first 90 days of employment. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.