

## CHAPTER 31

**AN ACT** concerning minors participating in certain educational programs in science and supplementing P.L.1940, c.153 (C.34:2-21.1 et seq.).

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.34:2-21.17f Inapplicability of C.34:2-21.17 under certain circumstances; "educational program in science" defined.

1. Section 17 of P.L.1940, c.153 (C.34:2-21.17) shall not apply to minors under the age of 18 who have successfully reached the ninth or higher grade level and who have the approval of a parent or guardian to participate or work in any educational program in science. A school student shall not participate or work in the program more than 20 hours per week during the school year.

As used in this act "educational program in science " means a program in which any minor under the age of 18 who has successfully reached the ninth or higher grade level participates in a scientific project or activity located in a research facility pursuant to an educational program under the supervision of the minor's school and adult sponsors from private business and industry, provided that no supervision by a school shall be required if the minor is a high school graduate.

C.34:2-21.17g Rules, regulations.

2. The Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately. Prior to the adoption of regulations pursuant to section 2 of this act, participation in an educational program in science shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Labor.

Approved June 23, 2000.