By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Martin

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to minimum wage requirements; amending s. 448.110, F.S.; providing an exception to the requirement that an employee be paid the state minimum wage; providing that an employer is not subject to certain minimum wage requirements for specified employees; authorizing employees to opt out of the minimum wage requirements in a specified manner; requiring that the parent or guardian of an employee who is younger than 18 years of age sign such waiver on behalf of the employee; providing severability; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 448.110, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

 $448.110\,$  State minimum wage; annual wage adjustment; enforcement.—

(3) (a) Employers shall pay employees a minimum wage at an hourly rate of \$6.15 for all hours worked in Florida. Only those individuals entitled to receive the federal minimum wage under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations shall be eligible to receive the state minimum wage pursuant to s. 24, Art. X of the State Constitution and this section. The provisions of ss. 213 and 214 of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, as interpreted by applicable federal regulations and implemented by the Secretary of Labor, are incorporated herein, except the Fair Labor Standards Act and

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any regulations or interpretations regarding an employee's voluntary waiver of his or her right to receive the state minimum wage do not apply.

- (b) An employer is not subject to the minimum wage requirements of this section for an employee who is in a structured work-study, internship, preapprenticeship, or apprenticeship program or other similar work-based learning opportunity and such employee opts out of receiving the minimum wage.
- (c) An employee may opt out of receiving the minimum wage by signing a waiver of his or her right to the minimum wage established under this section. The waiver must state that the employee acknowledges his or her right to the state minimum wage pursuant to s. 24, Art. X of the State Constitution and this section and that he or she is knowingly and voluntarily choosing to receive a lesser amount for his or her work-based learning opportunity as described in paragraph (b). If the employee is younger than 18 years of age, the employee's parent or guardian must sign the waiver on behalf of the employee.
- (d) If any provision of this section or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, that provision or its application is severable and does not affect the validity of other provisions or applications of this section.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.