



7.16.2015 Kansas City Raises Its Minimum Wage

WHEN DOES THE CHANGE GO INTO EFFECT

The raising of Kansas City's minimum wage is projected to raise up to \$13 per hour by 2020.

LEGISLATION TO WATCH FOR

A decision has not been made whom the new wage floor applies to, what the penalties are for noncompliance and whether small businesses may get a break.

The biggest topic, under debate, is should everybody be entitled to the higher minimum wage or should teenagers be excluded?

Other cities such as New York recommends allowing people under age 25 to be paid a lower rate.

Concerns with paying a lower minimum wage to teenagers, are that it may discriminate against older workers, who might be passed up in favor of a "cheaper" candidate. Others pointed out that even teenagers sometimes need to provide for their families.