

## Teen Minimum Wage: Welcoming teens into the work force



Teen employment is in a  
"depression" in Massachusetts

*steady*  
**15-year**

downward trend in  
teen employment



**26,000**  
teens  
unemployed;

overpricing  
by state law  
is biggest reason

*39 states*

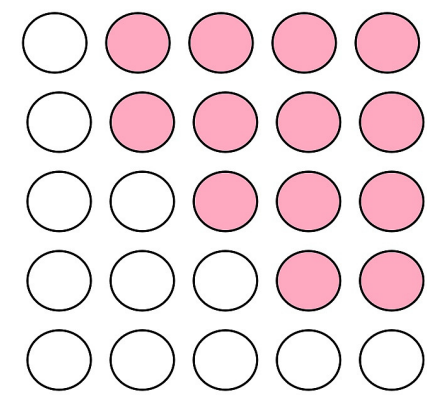
allow for lower  
teen minimum wage

**37,900**  
new teen  
jobs  
created with  
NJFM's  
solution

If current trend  
continues, teen  
employment will  
evaporate by

**2017**

• more than half •



of working teens  
work in retail

Early work experience  
is key to teens' future success