

**SENATE BILL NO. 529**

April 21, 1999, Introduced by Senators SIKKEMA, BENNETT, STILLE, MC COTTER, GOSCHKA, MC MANUS, GOUGEON, VAN REGENMORTER, STEIL, NORTH, SCHUETTE, ROGERS, JOHNSON, HAMMERSTROM, SCHWARZ, GAST and DUNASKISS and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 2511; and to repeal  
acts and parts of acts.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1        SEC. 2511. (1) TO PROVIDE AN ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTU-  
2 NITY FOR YOUTH INTERESTED IN CONSERVATION RESEARCH, EDUCATION,  
3 AND POLICY MAKING, THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION 4-H  
4 YOUTH PROGRAMS SHALL ESTABLISH A YOUTH CONSERVATION COUNCIL. THE  
5 COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF 18 STUDENTS WHO ARE 13 TO 19 YEARS OF  
6 AGE. THREE STUDENTS SHALL BE SELECTED FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING  
7 REGIONS OF THE STATE:

8        (A) SOUTHEAST LOWER PENINSULA.

9        (B) SOUTHWEST LOWER PENINSULA.

1 (C) EAST CENTRAL LOWER PENINSULA.

2 (D) WEST CENTRAL LOWER PENINSULA.

3 (E) NORTHERN LOWER PENINSULA.

4 (F) UPPER PENINSULA.

5 (2) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVER-  
6 NOR FOR 1-YEAR TERMS. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BE REAPPOINTED FOR 1  
7 ADDITIONAL TERM. INDIVIDUALS SHALL BE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF  
8 THEIR INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT IN CONSERVATION RELATED  
9 ACTIVITIES. THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH  
10 PROGRAMS, IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER YOUTH-BASED CONSERVATION  
11 ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON THESE APPOINTMENTS.  
12 THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH PROGRAMS SHALL  
13 SOLICIT RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS FROM SCHOOLS  
14 AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROMOTE CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMEN-  
15 TAL EDUCATION.

16 (3) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE APPOINTED BY OCTOBER 1  
17 OF EACH YEAR. THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER OF  
18 EACH YEAR FOR AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND TO ESTABLISH A SCHED-  
19 ULE OF ACTIVITIES THAT THE COUNCIL WILL UNDERTAKE DURING ITS  
20 TENURE. AT THIS MEETING, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY ELECT A  
21 COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AND OTHER OFFICERS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE  
22 COUNCIL CONSIDER NECESSARY OR BENEFICIAL.

23 (4) THE COUNCIL SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

24 (A) STUDY, RESEARCH, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVER-  
25 NOR, THE COMMISSION, AND THE LEGISLATURE ON LONG-TERM POLICIES  
26 PERTAINING TO CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, AND SOUND MANAGEMENT OF  
27 THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

1 (B) MEET AT LEAST TWICE EACH YEAR TO DISCUSS THE  
2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL.

3 (C) ORGANIZE REGIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES TO CARRY OUT TASKS, AS  
4 APPROPRIATE.

5 (D) PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS.

7 (E) MAKE A PRESENTATION OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
8 AT A JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND  
9 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT HANDLE ISSUES PRIMARILY PERTAINING  
10 TO NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

11 (5) THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH PRO-  
12 GRAMS SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 (A) MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

14 (B) PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPORT TO ASSIST  
15 THE COUNCIL IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

16 (C) FACILITATE MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE  
17 COUNCIL.

18 (6) THE COORDINATOR, THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY  
19 COMMITTEE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, NATURAL  
20 RESOURCES, AND AGRICULTURE, AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES SHALL WORK  
21 COOPERATIVELY WITH THE COUNCIL.

22 (7) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE YOUTH CON-  
23 SERVATION COUNCIL ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (1).

24 (8) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED UPON THE EXPIRATION OF 4 YEARS  
25 AFTER ITS EFFECTIVE DATE.