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Introduced by Senators Hansen, Green, Pavlov and Warren

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1261**

AN ACT to amend 1984 PA 22, entitled "An act to establish the Michigan civilian conservation corps; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments; to create and provide for the use of an endowment fund; and to provide for appropriations," by amending sections 2, 3, and 4 (MCL 409.302, 409.303, and 409.304), sections 2 and 3 as amended by 1994 PA 394 and section 4 as amended by 1985 PA 30, and by adding a heading for chapter I.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

## **CHAPTER I MICHIGAN CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS STATE PROGRAM**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Corps" means the Michigan civilian conservation corps established under this chapter.
- (b) "Corpsmember" means a participant in the corps.
- (c) "Department" means the department of natural resources.
- (d) "Director" means the director of the department.
- (e) "Endowment fund" means the Michigan civilian conservation corps endowment fund created in section 12a.
- (f) "Guideline" means that term as it is defined in section 3 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.203.
- (g) "Resident" means an individual who has in this state the individual's true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment to which the individual intends to return whenever absent. An individual is a resident until the individual establishes a permanent establishment outside this state.
- (h) "Rule" means that term as it is defined in section 7 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.207.

Sec. 3. (1) The Michigan civilian conservation corps is established within the department for the purpose of doing all of the following:

- (a) Conserving, improving, and developing this state's natural, cultural, and recreational resources.
  - (b) Enhancing, preserving, and maintaining state-owned lands and waters under control of the department through the employment of residents of this state in work training programs.
  - (c) Providing field experience and training to residents of the state who are interested in pursuing natural, cultural, or recreational resource related careers.
  - (d) Enhancing public access, recreation opportunities, and natural resource based economic activities on state-owned land under control of the department.
- (2) The work training programs conducted by the corps shall provide work experience for certain residents of this state that will increase their likelihood of obtaining future employment or enhancing their future educational opportunities, or both.

Sec. 4. The department shall administer the corps. In administering the corps, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Recruit and employ corpsmembers who meet the requirements of section 6a. The Workforce Development Agency in coordination with its local service delivery partners, the Michigan Works! Agencies, may identify and refer eligible candidates to the corps for possible participation as corpsmembers. These recommendations are advisory in nature, are non-binding upon the agency's decisions to employ certain corpsmembers and do not preclude the department from considering eligible participants from any other sources.

(b) Select work training programs for the corps that meet the requirements of section 5.

(c) Execute employment contracts containing terms and conditions as are considered necessary and desirable for the employment of corpsmembers.

(d) Execute contracts with the federal government for the implementation of this act.

(e) Apply for and accept grants or contributions of funds, when appropriate, from any public or private source.

(f) Purchase, rent, or otherwise acquire or obtain necessary property, supplies, instruments, tools, and equipment necessary for the implementation of this act.

(g) Employ instructors, mentors, trainers, safety officers, and medical and other personnel as the department considers appropriate.

(h) Establish rules of conduct designed to maintain order and discipline in each corps program.

(i) Adopt guidelines, promulgate rules, and take any other action necessary to implement this act.

(j) Contact colleges and universities in this state with natural, cultural, or recreational resource related curricula to facilitate university-based programs that will do 1 or more of the following:

(i) Provide credit to corpsmembers for their participation in the corps.

(ii) Recognize participation in the corps for field experience.

(iii) Recognize participation in the corps as an internship.

(k) Collaborate with businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other interested persons to develop funding sources for the corps.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 96th Legislature are enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 1262.

(b) Senate Bill No. 1263.

(c) Senate Bill No. 1264.

(d) Senate Bill No. 1265.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

Ray E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Governor