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Introduced by Senators Casperson, Green, Pavlov, Warren and Hansen

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1262

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 5, 7, 8, and 9 (MCL 409.305, 409.307, 409.308, and 409.309), section 7 as amended by 1989 PA 50 and section 9 as amended by 1985 PA 30, and by adding section 6a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 5. (1) Work training programs conducted under this act shall provide corpsmembers with work experience related to the conservation, improvement, or development of natural, cultural, and recreational resources and the enhancement, preservation, and maintenance of public lands, waters, and historic and archaeological resources. Work experience may include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- (a) Planting, pruning, and cutting of trees.
- (b) Restoration or development of lakes, ponds, and waterways to be used as hunting and fishing sites and for other recreational purposes.
- (c) Wildlife habitat development or enhancement.
- (d) Parks and recreation site development or restoration.
- (e) Trail development or restoration.
- (f) Flood and drainage control programs, such as the cleaning and repair of waterways.
- (g) Prevention of shore and soil erosion.
- (h) Litter removal.
- (i) Assistance in fire prevention and suppression.
- (j) Assistance with conducting prescribed ecological fire treatments.
- (k) Assistance in times and places of natural disasters.
- (l) Reclamation of strip-mined land.
- (m) Insect and pest control.
- (n) Survey, protection, maintenance, and restoration of historic structures and archaeological sites.
- (o) Survey and analysis of usage of parks, recreation sites, and trails.
- (p) Outreach and educational programs.
- (q) Activities that lead to improved public access, recreation opportunities, and natural resource-based economic activities on state-owned land under control of the department.

(2) Work training programs shall be undertaken on state-owned lands under control of the department and shall be selected on the basis of the natural, cultural, or recreational resource benefits each offers, the opportunities for public use each offers, and the on the job training value of each.

(3) Work experience shall not include work on any project for removal or cleaning up of any toxic waste or other hazardous substance.

Sec. 6a. An individual is eligible to become a corpsmember if he or she meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Is a resident of the state.

(b) Except for supervisors, mentors, instructors, and trainers, is not less than 17 years of age and not more than 27 years of age on the date of application.

(c) Is interested in becoming a corpsmember to enhance the likelihood of obtaining future employment in a natural, cultural, or recreational resource-related career or to enhance educational opportunities in a natural, cultural, or recreational resource-related curriculum.

Sec. 7. (1) The department shall not employ a corpsmember for more than 2 years.

(2) The department shall compensate a corpsmember at not more than twice the minimum wage established by law at the time of employment.

(3) The department may utilize corps funds for mentors, instructors, trainers, crew leaders, and other state workers employed to provide guidance and training to corpsmembers.

Sec. 8. The department shall provide worker's disability compensation insurance for corpsmembers employed by the department, as provided under the worker's disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.101 to 419.941.

Sec. 9. Corpsmembers shall not receive state employee health benefits, except that corpsmembers who at the time of hire were receiving general assistance or aid to families with dependent children shall continue to receive, while they are corpsmembers, the medical benefits provided under the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b.

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. 1261.

(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

Jay E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor