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To amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. MOYNIHAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

AUGUST 25, 1998

Reported under authority of the order of the Senate of July 31, 1998, by Mr. CHAFEE, without amendment

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Environ-  
3 mental Education Amendments Act of 1998”.

4 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.**

5 Section 4 of the National Environmental Education  
6 Act (20 U.S.C. 5503) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1) by inserting after  
9 “support” the following: “balanced and scientif-  
10 ically sound”;

11 (B) by striking paragraph (6);

12 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (7)  
13 through (13) as paragraphs (6) through (12),  
14 respectively; and

15 (D) in paragraph (12) (as so redesign-  
16 nated), by inserting before the period the fol-  
17 lowing: “through the headquarters and the re-  
18 gional offices of the Agency”; and

19 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
20 following:

21 “(c) STAFF.—The Office of Environmental Edu-  
22 cation shall—

23 “(1) include a headquarters staff of not more  
24 than 10 full-time equivalent employees; and

25 “(2) be supported by 1 full-time equivalent em-  
26 ployee in each Agency regional office.

1 “(d) ACTIVITIES.—The Administrator may carry out  
 2 the activities specified in subsection (b) directly or through  
 3 awards of grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts.”.

4 **SEC. 3. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS.**

5 Section 6 of the National Environmental Education  
 6 Act (20 U.S.C. 5505) is amended—

7 (1) in the second sentence of subsection (i), by  
 8 striking “25 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;  
 9 and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(j) LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.—A grant under this sec-  
 12 tion may not be used to support a lobbying activity (as  
 13 described in the documents issued by the Office of Man-  
 14 agement and Budget and designated as OMB Circulars  
 15 No. A-21 and No. A-122).

16 “(k) GUIDANCE REVIEW.—Before the Administrator  
 17 issues any guidance to grant applicants, the guidance shall  
 18 be reviewed and approved by the Science Advisory Board  
 19 of the Agency.”.

20 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOW-**  
 21 **SHIPS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Environmental  
 23 Education Act is amended—

24 (1) by striking section 7 (20 U.S.C. 5506); and

1           (2) by redesignating sections 8 through 11 (20  
2       U.S.C. 5507 through 5510) as sections 7 through  
3       10, respectively.

4       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The National En-  
5       vironmental Education Act is amended—

6           (1) in the table of contents in section 1(b) (20  
7       U.S.C. prec. 5501)—

8           (A) by striking the item relating to section  
9       7; and

10          (B) by redesignating the items relating to  
11       sections 8 through 11 as items relating to sec-  
12       tions 7 through 10, respectively;

13       (2) in section 4(b) (20 U.S.C. 5503(b))—

14           (A) in paragraph (6) (as redesignated by  
15       section 2(1)(C)), by striking “section 8 of this  
16       Act” and inserting “section 7”; and

17           (B) in paragraph (7) (as so redesignated),  
18       by striking “section 9 of this Act” and inserting  
19       “section 8”;

20       (3) in section 6(c)(3) (20 U.S.C. 5505(c)(3)),  
21       by striking “section 9(d) of this Act” and inserting  
22       “section 8(d)”;

23       (4) in the matter preceding subsection (c)(3)(A)  
24       of section 9 (as redesignated by subsection (a)(2)),

1 by striking “section 10(a) of this Act” and inserting  
 2 “subsection (a)”; and  
 3 (5) in subsection (c)(2) of section 10 (as rededesignated by subsection (a)(2)), by striking “section  
 4 10(d) of this Act” and inserting “section 9(d)”.

6 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS.**

7 Section 7 of the National Environmental Education  
 8 Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended to  
 9 read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 7. NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS.**

11 “The Administrator may provide for awards to be  
 12 known as the ‘President’s Environmental Youth Awards’  
 13 to be given to young people in grades kindergarten  
 14 through 12 for outstanding projects to promote local envi-  
 15 ronmental awareness.”.

16 **SEC. 6. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
 17 **AND TASK FORCE.**

18 Section 8 of the National Environmental Education  
 19 Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking the first  
 21 and second sentences and inserting the following:  
 22 “The Advisory Council shall consist of not more  
 23 than 11 members appointed by the Administrator  
 24 after consultation with the Secretary. To the extent  
 25 practicable, the Administrator shall appoint to the

1       Advisory Council at least 1 representative from each  
 2       of the following sectors: primary and secondary edu-  
 3       cation; colleges and universities; not-for-profit orga-  
 4       nizations involved in environmental education; State  
 5       departments of education and natural resources;  
 6       business and industry; and senior Americans.”;

7               (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2)  
 8       and inserting the following:

9               “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—Membership on the Task  
 10       Force shall be open to representatives of any Fed-  
 11       eral agency actively engaged in environmental edu-  
 12       cation.”; and

13              (3) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (1)  
 14       and inserting the following:

15              “(1) BIENNIAL MEETINGS.—The Advisory  
 16       Council shall hold a biennial meeting on timely  
 17       issues regarding environmental education and issue  
 18       a report and recommendations on the proceedings of  
 19       the meeting.”.

20       **SEC. 7. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING FOUNDA-**  
 21               **TION.**

22              (a) CHANGE IN NAME.—

23              (1) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of sub-  
 24       section (a)(1)(A) of section 9 of the National Envi-  
 25       ronmental Education Act (as redesignated by section

1       4(a)(2)) is amended by striking “National Environ-  
 2       mental Education and Training Foundation” and in-  
 3       serting “National Environmental Learning Founda-  
 4       tion”.

5               (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The National  
 6       Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5501 et  
 7       seq.) is amended—

8               (A) in the item relating to section 9 (as re-  
 9       designated by section 4(b)(1)(B)) of the table of  
 10       contents in section 1(b) (20 U.S.C. prec. 5501),  
 11       by striking “National Environmental Education  
 12       and Training Foundation” and inserting “Na-  
 13       tional Environmental Learning Foundation”;

14              (B) in section 3 (20 U.S.C. 5502)—

15                   (i) by striking paragraph (12) and in-  
 16       serting the following:

17               “(12) FOUNDATION.—‘Foundation’ means the  
 18       National Environmental Learning Foundation” es-  
 19       tablished by section 9; and”;

20                   (ii) in paragraph (13), by striking  
 21       “National Environmental Education and  
 22       Training Foundation” and inserting “Na-  
 23       tional Environmental Learning Founda-  
 24       tion”;

(C) in the heading of section 9 (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOUNDATION**” and inserting “**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING FOUNDATION**”; and

(D) in subsection (c) of section 10 (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “National Environmental Education and Training Foundation” and inserting “National Environmental Learning Foundation”.

(b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS; NUMBER OF DIRECTORS.—The first sentence of subsection (b)(1)(A) of section 9 of the National Environmental Education Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking “13” and inserting “19”.

(c) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONATIONS.—Section 9(d) of the National Environmental Education Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONORS.—The Foundation may acknowledge receipt of donations by means of a listing of the names of donors in materials distributed by the Foundation, but any such acknowledgment—



1           “(A) shall not appear in educational mate-  
2           rial to be presented to students; and

3           “(B) shall not identify a donor by means  
4           of a logo, letterhead, or other corporate com-  
5           mercial symbol, slogan, or product.”.

6 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7           Section 10 of the National Environmental Education  
8           Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by  
9           striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the follow-  
10          ing:

11          “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-  
12          propriated to the Environmental Protection Agency to  
13          carry out this Act \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
14          1999 through 2004.

15          “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

16                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
17                 of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a)  
18                 for a fiscal year—

19                         “(A) not more than 25 percent may be  
20                         used for the activities of the Office of Environ-  
21                         mental Education;

22                         “(B) not more than 25 percent may be  
23                         used for the operation of the environmental  
24                         education and training program;

1                   “(C) not less than 40 percent shall be used  
2                   for environmental education grants; and

3                   “(D) 10 percent shall be used for the Na-  
4                   tional Environmental Learning Foundation.

5                   “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the  
6                   amounts made available under paragraph (1) for a  
7                   fiscal year for the activities of the Office of Environ-  
8                   mental Education, not more than 25 percent may be  
9                   used for administrative expenses.

10                  “(c) EXPENSE REPORT.—As soon as practicable  
11                  after the end of each fiscal year, the Administrator shall  
12                  submit to Congress a report stating in detail the items  
13                  on which funds appropriated for the fiscal year were ex-  
14                  pended.”.

15   **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16                  The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
17                  as of the later of—

18                   (1) October 1, 1998; or

19                   (2) the date of enactment of this Act.



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