

Public Law 92-597

AN ACT

To amend the Youth Conservation Corps Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-378, 84 Stat. 794) to expand the Youth Conservation Corps pilot program and for other purposes.

October 27, 1972
[S. 2454]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of August 13, 1970 (84 Stat. 794) is amended to read as follows:

Youth Conservation Corps Act of 1970, amendment.
42 USC prec.
2711 note.

"POLICY AND PURPOSE

"SECTION 1. The Congress finds that the gainful employment during the summer months of American youth, representing all segments of society, in the healthful outdoor atmosphere afforded in the national park system, the national forest system, the national wildlife refuge system, and other public land and water areas of the United States creates an opportunity for understanding and appreciation of the Nation's natural environment and heritage. Accordingly, it is the purpose of this Act to further the development and maintenance of the natural resources of the United States by the youth, upon whom will fall the ultimate responsibility for maintaining and managing these resources for the American people.

"YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

"SEC. 2. (a) To carry out the purposes of this Act, there is established in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture a Youth Conservation Corps (hereinafter referred to as the 'Corps'). The Corps shall consist of young men and women who are permanent residents of the United States, its territories, possessions, or trust territories, who have attained age fifteen but have not attained age nineteen, and whom the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture may employ during the summer months, without regard to the civil service or classification laws, rules, or regulations, for the purpose of developing, preserving, or maintaining the lands and waters of the United States under his jurisdiction.

Participants.

Summer employment.

"(b) The Corps shall be open to youth of both sexes and youth of all social, economic, and racial classifications, with no person being employed as a member of the Corps for a term in excess of ninety days during any single year.

Equal opportunity and employment; term.

"SECRETARIAL DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

"SEC. 3. (a) In carrying out this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

"(1) determine, with other Federal agencies, the areas under the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretaries which are appropriate for carrying out programs using members of the Corps, and determine and select appropriate work and education programs and projects for participation by members of the Corps;

"(2) determine the rates of pay, hours, and other conditions of employment in the Corps, except that members of the Corps shall not be deemed to be Federal employees other than for the purposes of chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, and chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code;

"(3) provide for such transportation, lodging, subsistence, and other services and equipment as they may deem necessary or appropriate for the needs of members of the Corps in their duties;

62 Stat. 982;
80 Stat. 306.
28 USC 2671.
80 Stat. 531;
82 Stat. 98.
5 USC 8101.

Regulations.

"(4) promulgate regulations to insure the safety, health, and welfare of the Corps members; and

Facilities, availability to educational institutions.

"(5) provide, to the extent possible, that permanent or semi-permanent facilities used as Corps camps be made available to local schools, school districts, State junior colleges and universities, and other educational institutions for use as environmental/ecological education camps during periods of nonuse by the Corps program.

Cost responsibility.

Costs for operations, maintenance, and staffing of Corps camp facilities during periods of use by non-Corps programs as well as any liability for personal injury or property damage stemming from such use shall be the responsibility of the entity or organization using the facility and shall not be a responsibility of the Secretaries or the Corps.

Unoccupied Federal facilities and surplus equipment, use.

"(b) Whenever economically feasible, existing but unoccupied Federal facilities and surplus or unused equipment (or both), of all types, including military facilities and equipment, shall be utilized for the purposes of the Corps, where appropriate and with the approval of the Federal agency involved. To minimize transportation costs, Corps members shall be employed on conservation projects as near to their places of residence as is feasible.

Contract authority.

"(c) The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may contract with any public agency or organization or any private nonprofit agency or organization which has been in existence for at least five years for the operation of any Youth Conservation Corps project.

"PILOT GRANT PROGRAM FOR STATE PROJECTS**"States."**

"SEC. 4. (a) The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly establish a pilot grant program under which grants shall be made to States to assist them in meeting the cost of projects for the employment of young men and women to develop, preserve, and maintain non-Federal public lands and waters within the States. For purposes of this section, the term 'States' includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and American Samoa.

Application requirements.

"(b) (1) No grant may be made under this section unless an application therefor has been submitted to, and approved by, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture. Such application shall be in such form, and submitted in such manner, as the Secretaries shall jointly by regulation prescribe, and shall contain—

"(A) assurances satisfactory to the Secretaries that individuals employed under the project for which the application is submitted shall (i) have attained the age of fifteen but not attained the age of nineteen, (ii) be permanent residents of the United States or its territories, possessions, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, (iii) be employed without regard to the personnel laws, rules, and regulations applicable to full-time employees of the applicant, (iv) be employed for a period of not more than ninety days in any calendar year, and (v) be employed without regard to their sex or social, economic, or racial classification; and

"(B) such other information as the Secretaries may jointly by regulation prescribe.

Approval.

"(2) The Secretaries may approve applications which they determine (A) meet the requirements of paragraph (1), and (B) are for projects which will further the development, preservation, or maintenance of the Corps members of the Corps in their duties.

nance of non-Federal public lands or waters within the jurisdiction of the applicant.

“(c)(1) The amount of any grant under this section shall be determined jointly by the Secretaries, except that no grant for any project may exceed 80 per centum of the cost (as determined by the Secretaries) of such project.

Limitation.

“(2) Payments under grants under this section may be made in advance or by way of reimbursement and at such intervals and on such conditions as the Secretaries find necessary.

Payments.

“(d) Thirty per centum of the sums appropriated under section 6 for any fiscal year shall be used for making grants under this section for such fiscal year.

Appropriation percentage.

“SECRETARIAL REPORTS

“SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall annually prepare a joint report detailing the activities carried out under this Act and providing recommendations. Each report for a fiscal year shall be submitted concurrently to the President and the Congress not later than one hundred and eighty days following the close of that fiscal year.

Joint report to President and Congress.

“AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

“SEC. 6. There are authorized to be appropriated amounts not to exceed \$30,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and \$60,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, to be made available to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the purposes of this Act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated for any fiscal year to carry out this Act shall remain available for obligation and expenditure until the end of the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which appropriated.”

Approved October 27, 1972.

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AN ACT

To provide for the participation of the United States in the International Exposition on the Environment to be held in Spokane, Washington, in 1974, and for other purposes.

October 27, 1972
[S. 4022]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with Public Law 91-269 (22 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.), the President is authorized to provide for United States participation in the International Exposition on the Environment (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “exposition”), which is being held at Spokane, Washington, in 1974. The purposes of such exposition are to—

International Exposition on the Environment.
U.S. participation.
84 Stat. 271.

(1) offer to United States citizens and to people throughout the world a program for the improvement of man's physical environment; demonstrate through improved projects how the resources of air, water, and land can be utilized to man's benefit without pollution; and broaden public understanding of ecology and related sciences;

Purposes.

(2) encourage tourist travel in and to the United States, stimulate foreign trade, and promote cultural exchanges; and

(3) commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Spokane.