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## AN ACT

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

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Environ-  
5 mental Education Amendments Act of 1996”.

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

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

4 (1) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1) by inserting after  
6 “support” the following: “balanced and scientif-  
7 ically sound”;

8 (B) by striking paragraph (6);

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

12 (D) in paragraph (12) (as so redesi-  
13 gnated), by inserting before the period the fol-  
14 lowing: “through the headquarters and the re-  
15 gional offices of the Agency”; and

16 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
17 following:

18 “(c) STAFF.—The Office of Environmental Edu-  
19 cation shall—

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

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

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

1 **SEC. 3. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS.**

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

4 (1) in the second sentence of subsection (i), by  
5 striking “25 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;  
6 and

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

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

13 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOW-**  
14 **SHIPS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Environmental  
16 Education Act is amended—

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

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

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

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

25 (A) by striking the item relating to section  
26 7; and

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

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

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

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

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

14 (4) in the matter preceding subsection (c)(3)(A)  
15 of section 9 (as redesignated by subsection (a)(2)),  
16 by striking “section 10(a) of this Act” and inserting  
17 “subsection (a)”;

18 (5) in subsection (c)(2) of section 10 (as redesi-  
19 gnated by subsection (a)(2)), by striking “section  
20 10(d) of this Act” and inserting “section 9(d)”.

21 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS.**

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

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

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

7 **SEC. 6. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
8 **AND TASK FORCE.**

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

11 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking the first  
12 and second sentences and inserting the following:  
13 “The Advisory Council shall consist of not more  
14 than 11 members appointed by the Administrator  
15 after consultation with the Secretary. To the extent  
16 practicable, the Administrator shall appoint to the  
17 Advisory Council at least 1 representative from each  
18 of the following sectors: primary and secondary edu-  
19 cation; colleges and universities; not-for-profit orga-  
20 nizations involved in environmental education; State  
21 departments of education and natural resources;  
22 business and industry; and senior Americans.”;

23 (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2)  
24 and inserting the following:

25 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—Membership on the Task  
26 Force shall be open to representatives of any Fed-

1 eral agency actively engaged in environmental edu-  
2 cation.”; and

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

5 “(1) BIENNIAL MEETINGS.—The Advisory  
6 Council shall hold a biennial meeting on timely is-  
7 sues regarding environmental education and issue a  
8 report and recommendations on the proceedings of  
9 the meeting.”.

10 **SEC. 7. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND**  
11 **TRAINING FOUNDATION.**

12 (a) CHANGE IN NAME.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of sub-  
14 section (a)(1)(A) of section 9 of the National Envi-  
15 ronmental Education Act (as redesignated by section  
16 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking “National Environ-  
17 mental Education and Training Foundation” and in-  
18 serting “Foundation for Environmental Education”.

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

22 (A) in the item relating to section 9 (as re-  
23 designated by section 4(b)(1)(B)) of the table of  
24 contents in section 1(b) (20 U.S.C. prec. 5501),  
25 by striking “National Environmental Education

1 and Training Foundation” and inserting  
2 “Foundation for Environmental Education”;

3 (B) in section 3 (20 U.S.C. 5502)—

4 (i) by striking paragraph (12) and in-  
5 sserting the following:

6 “(12) FOUNDATION.—‘Foundation’ means the  
7 Foundation for Environmental Education estab-  
8 lished by section 9; and”;

9 (ii) in paragraph (13), by striking  
10 “National Environmental Education and  
11 Training Foundation” and inserting  
12 “Foundation for Environmental Edu-  
13 cation”;

14 (C) in the heading of section 9 (as redesign-  
15 ated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “**NA-**  
16 **TIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND**  
17 **TRAINING FOUNDATION**” and inserting  
18 “**FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDU-**  
19 **CATION**”; and

20 (D) in subsection (c) of section 10 (as re-  
21 designatd by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “Na-  
22 tional Environmental Education and Training  
23 Foundation” and inserting “Foundation for  
24 Environmental Education”.

1 (b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS; NUMBER OF DIREC-  
2 TORS.—The first sentence of subsection (b)(1)(A) of sec-  
3 tion 9 of the National Environmental Education Act (as  
4 redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking  
5 “13” and inserting “19”.

6 (c) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONATIONS.—Section  
7 9(d) of the National Environmental Education Act (as re-  
8 designated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking  
9 paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

10 “(3) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONORS.—The  
11 Foundation may acknowledge receipt of donations by  
12 means of a listing of the names of donors in mate-  
13 rials distributed by the Foundation, but any such ac-  
14 knowledgment—

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

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

20 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

1       “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-  
2       propriated to the Environmental Protection Agency to  
3       carry out this Act—

4               “(1) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1997,  
5       1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002; and

6               “(2) such sums as are necessary for each of fis-  
7       cal years 2003 through 2007.

8       “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

9               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
10       of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a)  
11       for a fiscal year—

12               “(A) not more than 25 percent may be  
13       used for the activities of the Office of Environ-  
14       mental Education;

15               “(B) not more than 25 percent may be  
16       used for the operation of the environmental  
17       education and training program;

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

20               “(D) 10 percent shall be used for the  
21       Foundation for Environmental Education.

22               “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the  
23       amounts made available under paragraph (1) for a  
24       fiscal year for the activities of the Office of Environ-

