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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 1998

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

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 ated), 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 redesi-
4 gnated by subsection (a)(2)), by striking “section
5 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 sserting “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 sserting 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”;

1 (C) in the heading of section 9 (as redesignig-
2 nated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “**NA-**
3 **TIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND**
4 **TRAINING FOUNDATION**” and inserting “**NA-**
5 **TIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING**
6 **FOUNDATION**”; and

7 (D) in subsection (c) of section 10 (as re-
8 designated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “Na-
9 tional Environmental Education and Training
10 Foundation” and inserting “National Environ-
11 mental Learning Foundation”.

12 (b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS; NUMBER OF DIREC-
13 TORS.—The first sentence of subsection (b)(1)(A) of sec-
14 tion 9 of the National Environmental Education Act (as
15 redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking
16 “13” and inserting “19”.

17 (c) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONATIONS.—Section
18 9(d) of the National Environmental Education Act (as re-
19 designated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking
20 paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

21 “(3) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONORS.—The
22 Foundation may acknowledge receipt of donations by
23 means of a listing of the names of donors in mate-
24 rials distributed by the Foundation, but any such ac-
25 knowledgment—

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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