



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/19/2007, by Rep. Bill Mitchell

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Creates the Illinois Conservation Corps Act. Provides year-round conservation employment within the Department of Natural Resources for young adults in Illinois. Subject to appropriation, entitles enrollees in the Corps to a stipend of \$500 per month and a maximum of \$5,000 per year in education awards. Provides that no project of the Corps may displace individuals employed by or under contract with the Department. Creates the Illinois Conservation Corps Advisory Board to advise the Department concerning the Corps. Establishes the Illinois Conservation Corps Fund, a special fund in the State treasury. Authorizes the Department to use the moneys in the Fund only for the purposes of the Corps and provides that no more than 5% of the moneys in the Fund may be used for costs associated with the administration of the Corps. Authorizes the Fund to accept State and federal appropriations, gifts, grants, and private donations. Prohibits the Governor from making any transfers from the Fund. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Fund. Amends the State Finance Act to prohibit the Governor from making any transfers from the Illinois Conservation Corps Fund. Amends the Illinois Youth and Young Adult Employment Act of 1986 to rename the Illinois Conservation Corps as the Youth and Young Adult Conservation Employment Program. Makes corresponding changes. Amends the Personnel Code, the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, and the Illinois Pension Code to make corresponding changes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning employment.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act shall be known and may be
5 cited as the Illinois Conservation Corps Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Board" means the Illinois Conservation Corps Advisory
8 Board.

9 "Corps" means the Illinois Conservation Corps.

10 "Department" means the Department of Natural Resources.

11 "Director" means the Director of Natural Resources.

12 Section 10. Illinois Conservation Corps Advisory Board.

13 (a) The Illinois Conservation Corps Advisory Board is
14 established to advise the Department concerning the Illinois
15 Conservation Corps. The Board shall consist of 13 members as
16 follows:

17 (1) The Director of Agriculture, or the Director's
18 designee.

19 (2) The Director of Natural Resources, or the
20 Director's designee, who shall serve as chairman.

21 (3) The Director of the Environmental Protection
22 Agency, or the Director's designee.

1 (4) One representative of the Illinois Municipal
2 League.

3 (5) One representative of the Nature Conservancy.

4 (6) One representative of the Association of Park
5 Districts.

6 (7) One representative of the Sierra Club.

7 (8) One representative of Illinois public
8 universities.

9 (9) One representative of Illinois community colleges.

10 (10) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House.

11 (11) One member appointed by the House Minority Leader.

12 (12) One member appointed by the President of the
13 Senate.

14 (13) One member appointed by the Senate Minority
15 Leader.

16 (b) All members of the Board shall serve without
17 compensation, except that members may be reimbursed for
18 reasonable travel expenses incurred as a result of performing
19 the work of the Board.

20 (c) The Board shall advise the Department concerning
21 suitable projects for the Corps that permanently enhance and
22 improve lands owned by the State or by units of local
23 government.

24 Section 15. Illinois Conservation Corps.

25 (a) The Illinois Conservation Corps program is established

1 within the Department of Natural Resources. The Corps shall be
2 limited to citizens of this State who at the time of enrollment
3 are 18 through 25 years of age inclusive. The Department shall
4 make public notification of the availability of jobs for
5 eligible young adults in the Corps by means of newspapers,
6 electronic media, units of local government, and educational
7 facilities, including school districts, higher education
8 institutions, and community colleges. The Department shall
9 promulgate reasonable rules concerning the application process
10 for jobs with the Illinois Conservation Corps.

11 Any applicant who knowingly and purposely provides
12 wrongful information regarding age or educational records
13 shall be deemed ineligible to participate in the Corps. Any
14 applicant who successfully gains employment in the Corps and is
15 later proven to have falsified his or her application shall be
16 dismissed immediately from the Corps.

17 (b) Any successful applicant to the Corps may be employed
18 year-round. Subject to appropriation, once enrolled in the
19 Corps, each enrollee shall receive a stipend in the amount of
20 \$500 per month and may receive education awards for qualified
21 educational expenses, such as repayment of qualified student
22 loans, educational expenses at an Illinois public university,
23 community college, or school-to-work program, or eligible
24 interest expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per
25 enrollee per year. Stipends and education awards shall be paid out
26 of moneys appropriated to the Illinois Conservation Corps Fund.

1 Enrollees shall not be classified as employees of the State for
2 purposes of contributions to the State Employees' Retirement
3 System or any other public employment retirement system of the
4 State.

5 (c) The Director, in consultation with the Board, shall
6 designate suitable projects for the Corps. No project
7 designated for enrollee participation shall result in the
8 displacement of individuals currently employed or positions
9 currently existing, either directly or under contract with any
10 private contractor, by the Department through the reduction of
11 overtime or non-overtime hours, wages, or employment benefits.
12 Projects designated by the Director as suitable projects for
13 the Corps shall permanently enhance public lands, including,
14 but not limited to, parks, nature preserves, and forest
15 preserves, and shall improve the habitat of fauna and flora,
16 improve utilization of recreation facilities by the public,
17 improve water quality, or in any other way improve the
18 environmental, economic, and recreational quality of public
19 lands.

20 Section 20. Illinois Conservation Corps Fund. The Illinois
21 Conservation Corps Fund is created as a special fund in the
22 State treasury. Subject to appropriation, the moneys in the
23 Fund may only be used by the Department for the purposes of the
24 Illinois Conservation Corps, including the payment of stipends
25 and education awards under Section 15. No more than 5% of the

1 moneys in the Fund may be used by the Department for costs
2 associated with the administration of the Illinois
3 Conservation Corps. Any interest earned on moneys in the Fund
4 must be deposited into the Fund. The Fund may accept State and
5 federal appropriations, gifts, grants, and private donations.

6 Section 25. The Personnel Code is amended by changing
7 Section 4c as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 415/4c) (from Ch. 127, par. 63b104c)

9 Sec. 4c. General exemptions. The following positions in
10 State service shall be exempt from jurisdictions A, B, and C,
11 unless the jurisdictions shall be extended as provided in this
12 Act:

13 (1) All officers elected by the people.

14 (2) All positions under the Lieutenant Governor,
15 Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller,
16 State Board of Education, Clerk of the Supreme Court,
17 Attorney General, and State Board of Elections.

18 (3) Judges, and officers and employees of the courts,
19 and notaries public.

20 (4) All officers and employees of the Illinois General
21 Assembly, all employees of legislative commissions, all
22 officers and employees of the Illinois Legislative
23 Reference Bureau, the Legislative Research Unit, and the
24 Legislative Printing Unit.

1 (5) All positions in the Illinois National Guard and
2 Illinois State Guard, paid from federal funds or positions
3 in the State Military Service filled by enlistment and paid
4 from State funds.

5 (6) All employees of the Governor at the executive
6 mansion and on his immediate personal staff.

7 (7) Directors of Departments, the Adjutant General,
8 the Assistant Adjutant General, the Director of the
9 Illinois Emergency Management Agency, members of boards
10 and commissions, and all other positions appointed by the
11 Governor by and with the consent of the Senate.

12 (8) The presidents, other principal administrative
13 officers, and teaching, research and extension faculties
14 of Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University,
15 Governors State University, Illinois State University,
16 Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois
17 University, Western Illinois University, the Illinois
18 Community College Board, Southern Illinois University,
19 Illinois Board of Higher Education, University of
20 Illinois, State Universities Civil Service System,
21 University Retirement System of Illinois, and the
22 administrative officers and scientific and technical staff
23 of the Illinois State Museum.

24 (9) All other employees except the presidents, other
25 principal administrative officers, and teaching, research
26 and extension faculties of the universities under the

1 jurisdiction of the Board of Regents and the colleges and
2 universities under the jurisdiction of the Board of
3 Governors of State Colleges and Universities, Illinois
4 Community College Board, Southern Illinois University,
5 Illinois Board of Higher Education, Board of Governors of
6 State Colleges and Universities, the Board of Regents,
7 University of Illinois, State Universities Civil Service
8 System, University Retirement System of Illinois, so long
9 as these are subject to the provisions of the State
10 Universities Civil Service Act.

11 (10) The State Police so long as they are subject to
12 the merit provisions of the State Police Act.

13 (11) The scientific staff of the State Scientific
14 Surveys and the Waste Management and Research Center.

15 (12) The technical and engineering staffs of the
16 Department of Transportation, the Department of Nuclear
17 Safety, the Pollution Control Board, and the Illinois
18 Commerce Commission, and the technical and engineering
19 staff providing architectural and engineering services in
20 the Department of Central Management Services.

21 (13) All employees of the Illinois State Toll Highway
22 Authority.

23 (14) The Secretary of the Illinois Workers'
24 Compensation Commission.

25 (15) All persons who are appointed or employed by the
26 Director of Insurance under authority of Section 202 of the

1 Illinois Insurance Code to assist the Director of Insurance
2 in discharging his responsibilities relating to the
3 rehabilitation, liquidation, conservation, and dissolution
4 of companies that are subject to the jurisdiction of the
5 Illinois Insurance Code.

6 (16) All employees of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area
7 Airport Authority.

8 (17) All investment officers employed by the Illinois
9 State Board of Investment.

10 (18) Employees of the Illinois Young Adult
11 Conservation Corps program, administered by the Illinois
12 Department of Natural Resources, authorized grantee under
13 Title VIII of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act
14 of 1973, 29 USC 993.

15 (18.5) Employees of the Youth and Young Adult
16 Conservation Employment program administered by the
17 Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

18 (18.6) Employees of the Illinois Conservation Corps
19 program established under the Illinois Conservation Corps
20 Act and administered by the Illinois Department of Natural
21 Resources.

22 (19) Seasonal employees of the Department of
23 Agriculture for the operation of the Illinois State Fair
24 and the DuQuoin State Fair, no one person receiving more
25 than 29 days of such employment in any calendar year.

26 (20) All "temporary" employees hired under the

1 Department of Natural Resources' Illinois Conservation
2 Service, a youth employment program that hires young people
3 to work in State parks for a period of one year or less.

4 (21) All hearing officers of the Human Rights
5 Commission.

6 (22) All employees of the Illinois Mathematics and
7 Science Academy.

8 (23) All employees of the Kankakee River Valley Area
9 Airport Authority.

10 (24) The commissioners and employees of the Executive
11 Ethics Commission.

12 (25) The Executive Inspectors General, including
13 special Executive Inspectors General, and employees of
14 each Office of an Executive Inspector General.

15 (26) The commissioners and employees of the
16 Legislative Ethics Commission.

17 (27) The Legislative Inspector General, including
18 special Legislative Inspectors General, and employees of
19 the Office of the Legislative Inspector General.

20 (28) The Auditor General's Inspector General and
21 employees of the Office of the Auditor General's Inspector
22 General.

23 (Source: P.A. 93-617, eff. 12-9-03; 93-721, eff. 1-1-05;
24 93-1091, eff. 3-29-05.)

25 Section 95. The Department of Natural Resources

1 (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
2 is amended by changing Section 805-30 as follows:

3 (20 ILCS 805/805-30) (was 20 ILCS 805/63a38)

4 Sec. 805-30. Youth and Young Adult Conservation Employment
5 Program ~~Illinois Conservation Corps~~; Illinois Youth Recreation
6 Corps. The Department has the power to administer the Youth and
7 Young Adult Conservation Employment Program ~~Illinois~~
8 ~~Conservation Corps Program~~ and the Illinois Youth Recreation
9 Corps Program created by the Illinois Youth and Young Adult
10 Employment Act of 1986 and to promulgate rules and regulations
11 for the administration of the programs.

12 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

13 Section 100. The State Finance Act is amended by changing
14 Section 8h as follows:

15 (30 ILCS 105/8h)

16 Sec. 8h. Transfers to General Revenue Fund.

17 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section and
18 Section 8n of this Act, and ~~(e), (d), or (e)~~, notwithstanding
19 any other State law to the contrary, the Governor may, through
20 June 30, 2007, from time to time direct the State Treasurer and
21 Comptroller to transfer a specified sum from any fund held by
22 the State Treasurer to the General Revenue Fund in order to
23 help defray the State's operating costs for the fiscal year.

1 The total transfer under this Section from any fund in any
2 fiscal year shall not exceed the lesser of (i) 8% of the
3 revenues to be deposited into the fund during that fiscal year
4 or (ii) an amount that leaves a remaining fund balance of 25%
5 of the July 1 fund balance of that fiscal year. In fiscal year
6 2005 only, prior to calculating the July 1, 2004 final
7 balances, the Governor may calculate and direct the State
8 Treasurer with the Comptroller to transfer additional amounts
9 determined by applying the formula authorized in Public Act
10 93-839 to the funds balances on July 1, 2003. No transfer may
11 be made from a fund under this Section that would have the
12 effect of reducing the available balance in the fund to an
13 amount less than the amount remaining unexpended and unreserved
14 from the total appropriation from that fund estimated to be
15 expended for that fiscal year. This Section does not apply to
16 any funds that are restricted by federal law to a specific use,
17 to any funds in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, the Intercity
18 Passenger Rail Fund, the Hospital Provider Fund, the Medicaid
19 Provider Relief Fund, the Teacher Health Insurance Security
20 Fund, the Reviewing Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund,
21 the Voters' Guide Fund, the Foreign Language Interpreter Fund,
22 the Lawyers' Assistance Program Fund, the Supreme Court Federal
23 Projects Fund, the Supreme Court Special State Projects Fund,
24 the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund, the Good
25 Samaritan Energy Trust Fund, the Low-Level Radioactive Waste
26 Facility Development and Operation Fund, the Horse Racing

1 Equity Trust Fund, the Illinois Conservation Corps Fund, or the
2 Hospital Basic Services Preservation Fund, or to any funds to
3 which subsection (f) of Section 20-40 of the Nursing and
4 Advanced Practice Nursing Act applies. No transfers may be made
5 under this Section from the Pet Population Control Fund.
6 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, for fiscal
7 year 2004, the total transfer under this Section from the Road
8 Fund or the State Construction Account Fund shall not exceed
9 the lesser of (i) 5% of the revenues to be deposited into the
10 fund during that fiscal year or (ii) 25% of the beginning
11 balance in the fund. For fiscal year 2005 through fiscal year
12 2007, no amounts may be transferred under this Section from the
13 Road Fund, the State Construction Account Fund, the Criminal
14 Justice Information Systems Trust Fund, the Wireless Service
15 Emergency Fund, or the Mandatory Arbitration Fund.

16 In determining the available balance in a fund, the
17 Governor may include receipts, transfers into the fund, and
18 other resources anticipated to be available in the fund in that
19 fiscal year.

20 The State Treasurer and Comptroller shall transfer the
21 amounts designated under this Section as soon as may be
22 practicable after receiving the direction to transfer from the
23 Governor.

24 (a-5) Transfers directed to be made under this Section on
25 or before February 28, 2006 that are still pending on May 19,
26 2006 (the effective date of Public Act 94-774) ~~this amendatory~~

1 ~~Act of the 94th General Assembly~~ shall be redirected as
2 provided in Section 8n of this Act.

3 (b) This Section does not apply to: (i) the Ticket For The
4 Cure Fund; (ii) any fund established under the Community Senior
5 Services and Resources Act; or (iii) on or after January 1,
6 2006 (the effective date of Public Act 94-511), the Child Labor
7 and Day and Temporary Labor Enforcement Fund.

8 (c) This Section does not apply to the Demutualization
9 Trust Fund established under the Uniform Disposition of
10 Unclaimed Property Act.

11 (d) This Section does not apply to moneys set aside in the
12 Illinois State Podiatric Disciplinary Fund for podiatric
13 scholarships and residency programs under the Podiatric
14 Scholarship and Residency Act.

15 (e) Subsection (a) does not apply to, and no transfer may
16 be made under this Section from, the Pension Stabilization
17 Fund.

18 (Source: P.A. 93-32, eff. 6-20-03; 93-659, eff. 2-3-04; 93-674,
19 eff. 6-10-04; 93-714, eff. 7-12-04; 93-801, eff. 7-22-04;
20 93-839, eff. 7-30-04; 93-1054, eff. 11-18-04; 93-1067, eff.
21 1-15-05; 94-91, eff. 7-1-05; 94-120, eff. 7-6-05; 94-511, eff.
22 1-1-06; 94-535, eff. 8-10-05; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05; 94-645,
23 eff. 8-22-05; 94-648, eff. 1-1-06; 94-686, eff. 11-2-05;
24 94-691, eff. 11-2-05; 94-726, eff. 1-20-06; 94-773, eff.
25 5-18-06; 94-774, eff. 5-19-06; 94-804, eff. 5-26-06; 94-839,
26 eff. 6-6-06; revised 6-19-06.)

1 Section 105. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by
2 changing Section 14-103.05 as follows:

3 (40 ILCS 5/14-103.05) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 14-103.05)
4 Sec. 14-103.05. Employee.

5 (a) Any person employed by a Department who receives salary
6 for personal services rendered to the Department on a warrant
7 issued pursuant to a payroll voucher certified by a Department
8 and drawn by the State Comptroller upon the State Treasurer,
9 including an elected official described in subparagraph (d) of
10 Section 14-104, shall become an employee for purpose of
11 membership in the Retirement System on the first day of such
12 employment.

13 A person entering service on or after January 1, 1972 and
14 prior to January 1, 1984 shall become a member as a condition
15 of employment and shall begin making contributions as of the
16 first day of employment.

17 A person entering service on or after January 1, 1984
18 shall, upon completion of 6 months of continuous service which
19 is not interrupted by a break of more than 2 months, become a
20 member as a condition of employment. Contributions shall begin
21 the first of the month after completion of the qualifying
22 period.

23 The qualifying period of 6 months of service is not
24 applicable to: (1) a person who has been granted credit for

1 service in a position covered by the State Universities
2 Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System of the State
3 of Illinois, the General Assembly Retirement System, or the
4 Judges Retirement System of Illinois unless that service has
5 been forfeited under the laws of those systems; (2) a person
6 entering service on or after July 1, 1991 in a noncovered
7 position; or (3) a person to whom Section 14-108.2a or
8 14-108.2b applies.

9 (b) The term "employee" does not include the following:

10 (1) members of the State Legislature, and persons
11 electing to become members of the General Assembly
12 Retirement System pursuant to Section 2-105;

13 (2) incumbents of offices normally filled by vote of
14 the people;

15 (3) except as otherwise provided in this Section, any
16 person appointed by the Governor with the advice and
17 consent of the Senate unless that person elects to
18 participate in this system;

19 (3.1) any person serving as a commissioner of an ethics
20 commission created under the State Officials and Employees
21 Ethics Act unless that person elects to participate in this
22 system with respect to that service as a commissioner;

23 (3.2) any person serving as a part-time employee in any
24 of the following positions: Legislative Inspector General,
25 Special Legislative Inspector General, employee of the
26 Office of the Legislative Inspector General, Executive

1 Director of the Legislative Ethics Commission, or staff of
2 the Legislative Ethics Commission, regardless of whether
3 he or she is in active service on or after July 8, 2004
4 (the effective date of Public Act 93-685), unless that
5 person elects to participate in this System with respect to
6 that service; in this item (3.2), a "part-time employee" is
7 a person who is not required to work at least 35 hours per
8 week;

9 (3.3) any person who has made an election under Section
10 1-123 and who is serving either as legal counsel in the
11 Office of the Governor or as Chief Deputy Attorney General;

12 (4) except as provided in Section 14-108.2 or
13 14-108.2c, any person who is covered or eligible to be
14 covered by the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of
15 Illinois, the State Universities Retirement System, or the
16 Judges Retirement System of Illinois;

17 (5) an employee of a municipality or any other
18 political subdivision of the State;

19 (6) any person who becomes an employee after June 30,
20 1979 as a public service employment program participant
21 under the Federal Comprehensive Employment and Training
22 Act and whose wages or fringe benefits are paid in whole or
23 in part by funds provided under such Act;

24 (7) enrollees of the Illinois Young Adult Conservation
25 Corps program, administered by the Department of Natural
26 Resources, authorized grantee pursuant to Title VIII of the

1 "Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973", 29 USC
2 993, as now or hereafter amended;

3 (7.5) enrollees of the Youth and Young Adult
4 Conservation Employment program administered by the
5 Department of Natural Resources;

6 (7.6) employees of the Illinois Conservation Corps
7 program established under the Illinois Conservation Corps
8 Act and administered by the Department of Natural
9 Resources;

10 (8) enrollees and temporary staff of programs
11 administered by the Department of Natural Resources under
12 the Youth Conservation Corps Act of 1970;

13 (9) any person who is a member of any professional
14 licensing or disciplinary board created under an Act
15 administered by the Department of Professional Regulation
16 or a successor agency or created or re-created after the
17 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997, and who
18 receives per diem compensation rather than a salary,
19 notwithstanding that such per diem compensation is paid by
20 warrant issued pursuant to a payroll voucher; such persons
21 have never been included in the membership of this System,
22 and this amendatory Act of 1987 (P.A. 84-1472) is not
23 intended to effect any change in the status of such
24 persons;

25 (10) any person who is a member of the Illinois Health
26 Care Cost Containment Council, and receives per diem

1 compensation rather than a salary, notwithstanding that
2 such per diem compensation is paid by warrant issued
3 pursuant to a payroll voucher; such persons have never been
4 included in the membership of this System, and this
5 amendatory Act of 1987 is not intended to effect any change
6 in the status of such persons;

7 (11) any person who is a member of the Oil and Gas
8 Board created by Section 1.2 of the Illinois Oil and Gas
9 Act, and receives per diem compensation rather than a
10 salary, notwithstanding that such per diem compensation is
11 paid by warrant issued pursuant to a payroll voucher; or

12 (12) a person employed by the State Board of Higher
13 Education in a position with the Illinois Century Network
14 as of June 30, 2004, who remains continuously employed
15 after that date by the Department of Central Management
16 Services in a position with the Illinois Century Network
17 and participates in the Article 15 system with respect to
18 that employment.

19 (Source: P.A. 92-14, eff. 6-28-01; 93-685, eff. 7-8-04; 93-839,
20 eff. 7-30-04; 93-1069, eff. 1-15-05.)

21 Section 110. The Illinois Youth and Young Adult Employment
22 Act of 1986 is amended by changing Sections 2 and 7 as follows:

23 (525 ILCS 50/2) (from Ch. 48, par. 2552)

24 Sec. 2. Declaration of Intent. The General Assembly finds

1 that the level of unemployment among the youths of this State,
2 particularly those age 16 through 18, and young adults, age 18
3 through 25, is unsatisfactory. This situation is not conducive
4 to the development of the youth and young adults of Illinois as
5 the future of the State. The General Assembly further finds
6 that the availability of recreational programs for youth in
7 parks and recreational facilities operated by the State, by
8 units of local government, and by other local not-for-profit
9 entities is severely limited, decreasing the variety of
10 constructive activities available to the children of this State
11 during those months when they are not in school. The General
12 Assembly therefore creates the Illinois Youth and Young Adult
13 Employment Act to establish (a) the Youth and Young Adult
14 Conservation Employment Program ~~Illinois Conservation Corps~~ to
15 provide temporary summer employment for youth and year around
16 employment for young adults of this State for the purpose of
17 rehabilitation, protection and enhancement of the State's
18 public land and (b) the Illinois Youth Recreation Corps to
19 provide temporary summer employment for the youth of this State
20 for the purpose of administering and operating recreational
21 programs for youth at parks or recreational facilities operated
22 by the State, units of local government or other local
23 not-for-profit entities.

24 (Source: P.A. 84-1430.)

25 (525 ILCS 50/7) (from Ch. 48, par. 2557)

1 Sec. 7. Youth and Young Adult Conservation Employment
2 Program ~~Illinois Conservation Corps~~. With respect to the Youth
3 and Young Adult Conservation Employment Program ~~Illinois~~
4 ~~Conservation Corps~~ program:

5 (a) Enrollment. The ~~Illinois Conservation Corps~~ Youth
6 Component shall be limited to citizens of this State who at the
7 time of enrollment are 16 through 18 years of age inclusive and
8 who are unemployed. The ~~Illinois Conservation Corps~~ Young Adult
9 Component shall be limited to citizens of this State who at the
10 time of enrollment are 18 through 25 years of age inclusive and
11 who are unemployed.

12 The Department shall make public notification of the
13 availability of jobs for eligible youths and young adults in
14 the Youth and Young Adult Conservation Employment Program
15 ~~Illinois Conservation Corps~~ by the means of newspapers,
16 electronic media, educational facilities, units of local
17 government and the Department of Employment Security offices.

18 The Department shall promulgate reasonable rules
19 pertaining to application for jobs with the Youth and Young
20 Adult Conservation Employment Program ~~Illinois Conservation~~
21 ~~Corps~~.

22 Any applicant who knowingly and purposely provides
23 wrongful information regarding age, employment or educational
24 records shall be deemed ineligible to participate in the
25 program. Any applicant who successfully gains employment in the
26 program and is later proven to have falsified his or her

1 application shall be dismissed immediately from the program.

2 (b) Terms of Employment. The enrollment period for any
3 successful applicant of the ~~Illinois Conservation Corps~~ Youth
4 Component shall not be longer than 60 working days during the
5 months of June, July and August. Once enrolled in the program,
6 each enrollee shall receive at least the standard minimum wage
7 as set by the State of Illinois and shall work normal working
8 hours as determined by the Department. The enrollees shall not
9 be classified as employees of the State for purposes of
10 contributions to the State Employees' Retirement System or any
11 other public employment retirement system of the State.

12 (c) Permissible Activities. The Director shall designate
13 suitable projects in which enrollees of the program shall
14 participate. No project designated for enrollee participation
15 shall result in the displacement of individuals currently
16 employed or positions currently existing, either directly or
17 under contract with any private contractor, by the Department
18 through the reduction of overtime or nonovertime hours, wages
19 or employment benefits.

20 Projects so designated by the Director shall be for the
21 purpose of enhancing public lands owned or leased by the
22 Department. Such projects shall include improving the habitat
23 of fauna and flora; improving utilization of recreation
24 facilities by the public; improving water quality; and any
25 other project deemed by the Department to improve the
26 environmental, economic and recreational quality of the State

1 owned or leased lands.

2 All projects designated for activity by the Director shall
3 be within a reasonable commuting time for each enrollee. To the
4 extent possible, the Director shall designate areas where a
5 pool of enrollees may work. In no circumstance shall enrollees
6 be required to spend more than 1 1/2 hours of commuting time to
7 a project or a designated area; provided, an enrollee, or an
8 enrollee who is a minor with the express concurrence of his
9 parent or guardian, may agree to spend more than 1 1/2 hours of
10 commuting time to a project or a designated area.

11 (Source: P.A. 84-1430.)

12 Section 900. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
13 Section 5.675 as follows:

14 (30 ILCS 105/5.675 new)

15 Sec. 5.675. The Illinois Conservation Corps Fund.

16 Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.

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