

CHAPTER 110

GOVERNMENT - STATE

HOUSE BILL 93-1250

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also SENATORS Ament, Bishop, Casey, Cassidy, Gallagher, Hopper, Johnson, Martinez, Mutzebaugh, L. Powers, Traylor, and Weissmann.

AN ACT

**CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND,
IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A YOUTH EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 24-33-108 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., is amended to read:

24-33-108. Gifts and devises to the department. (3) Any moneys received as gifts under this section and any moneys received from the investment of such moneys or property received under this section and any interest therefrom shall be credited to a special fund known as the Colorado natural resources foundation fund. Such fund and any gifts or devises received by the department of natural resources pursuant to this section shall not diminish any appropriations made to the department. Such funds shall not be expended in such a manner as to commit expenditures from the general fund OR ANY CASH FUND WHICH IS DESIGNATED FOR REGULATORY PURPOSES WITHIN THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES. The use of gifts and devises shall be subject to audit by the state auditor or ~~his~~ THE AUDITOR'S designee, THE COST OF WHICH SHALL BE BORNE BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 2. Article 33 of title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

24-33-109. Educational programs - youth educational programs. (1) (a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DIRECTORS OF THE DIVISIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DIRECT AND MANAGE AN

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

(b) NATURAL RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO SCIENTIFIC CONCEPTS UNDERLYING NATURAL RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, THE HISTORY OF NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT IN COLORADO, AND NATURAL RESOURCE PUBLIC POLICY CONCEPTS SUCH AS PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS AND THE INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, AN APPRECIATION FOR THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DECISIONS AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE WHICH LAND-BASED INDUSTRIES, SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, MINING, AND TIMBERING, PLAY IN PRESERVING AND MANAGING NATURAL RESOURCES.

(2) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND CONDUCT AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE YOUTH IN THIS STATE. THE GOALS OF THE YOUTH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ARE TO FOSTER AN INTEREST IN AND A SENSE OF STEWARDSHIP TOWARD THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE, TO PROVIDE SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PURSUING CAREERS IN NATURAL RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THESE PROGRAMS.

(b) AS PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT MANDATED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), A YOUTH IN NATURAL RESOURCES SUMMER WORK PROGRAM SHALL BE ESTABLISHED. TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, SUCH WORK PROGRAM SHALL INCORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEASONAL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PARKS MAINTENANCE AND WILDLIFE FIELD WORK. ANY SUCH SEASONAL WORK OPPORTUNITIES SHALL BE GEARED TOWARD DISADVANTAGED YOUTH WITH A PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON INCLUDING YOUTH WHO ARE DISADVANTAGED AS A RESULT OF ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, RACE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ETHNICITY, OR GENDER.

(3) ANY FUNDS RECEIVED OR EXPENDED FOR THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-33-108. FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FEDERAL FUNDS AND ANY APPROPRIATION MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE ACCEPTED AND USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

(4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. No appropriation. The general assembly has determined that this act can be implemented within existing appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state moneys is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 15, 1993