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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2591

H.P. 1896 House of Representatives, March 29, 1988
Reported by Representative BROWN from the Committee on
Fisheries and Wildlife and printed under Joint Rule 2.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Original bill sponsored by Representative DUFFY of
Bangor. Cosponsored by Representatives JACQUES of Waterville,
RUHLIN of Brewer, and Senator ERWIN of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

1 AN ACT to Amend the Youth Fisheries
2 and Wildlife Conservation
3 Education Program.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. P&SL 1987, c. 12, §1 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 1. Pilot program. The Department of

1 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with support and
2 assistance of the Department of Conservation's SERVE
3 Maine Program shall conduct a pilot program for
4 secondary high school students to increase student
5 awareness and understanding of fisheries and wildlife
6 management principles and practices.

7 Ten Up to 25 secondary school students shall
8 may be selected annually to assist specific inland
9 fisheries and wildlife and conservation law
10 enforcement projects being undertaken by the
11 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Ten
12 students shall be funded by the department each year
13 and up to 15 students may be sponsored by individual
14 sporting, service or fraternal organizations. The
15 program shall be for a 6-week to 8-week period during
16 the summer recess.

17 To be eligible, the students must be between the
18 ages of 15 16 and 18 years, enrolled in the
19 freshman through junior years in a secondary school in
20 the State and possess a Maine driver's license and be
21 capable of providing their own transportation to the
22 site of the project which they are assigned, unless
23 public transportation is available. In addition,
24 students sponsored by individual sporting, service or
25 fraternal groups may be required to meet the
26 requirements of those groups.

27 Sec. 2. P&SL 1987, c. 12, §3 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 3. Application procedures. Interested
29 students shall apply for acceptance into department
30 sponsorship in the program on a form provided by the
31 department or the SERVE Maine Program and in the
32 manner prescribed on the application. The application
33 shall be accompanied by a one-page statement prepared
34 by the applicant which summarizes their particular
35 interest in fisheries and wildlife conservation and
36 why they want to be accepted into the program.

37 Sec. 3. P&SL 1987, c. 12, §4 is amended to read:

38 Sec. 4. Applicant selection. The department

1 shall evaluate each application, the applicant's
2 interest in inland fisheries and wildlife and their
3 reasons for applying to the program. Ten applicants
4 shall be selected to be funded in the program by the
5 department on the basis of the information presented
6 by each applicant to work on specific Department of
7 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife projects which best
8 match the interests and desires of the applicants and
9 the department's ongoing work programs. The legal
10 residence of the selected applicants sponsored by
11 the department shall be geographically distributed
12 across the State. Students Department-sponsored
13 students shall not be selected from the same school in
14 succeeding years.

15 Sec. 4. P&SL 1987, c. 12, §4-A is enacted to
16 read:

17 Sec. 4-A. Private club sponsorship. Individual
18 sporting, service and fraternal clubs may sponsor
19 students in the Youth Fisheries and Wildlife
20 Conservation Education Program up to the number of
21 slots the department has allocated each year. The
22 department shall make the final selection of students
23 taking into consideration geographic proximity of
24 prospective students to proposed work sites.

25 Sec. 5. P&SL 1987, c. 12, §6 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 6. Compensation. Each student shall be
27 covered by the SERVE Maine Program and compensated in
28 accordance with the provisions of that program with
29 money derived from the Department of Inland Fisheries
30 and Wildlife or from individual sporting, service or
31 fraternal organizations.

32 Sec. 6. P&SL 1987, c. 12, §7-A is enacted to
33 read:

34 Sec. 7-A. Allocation. The following funds are
35 allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the
36 purposes of this Act.

1988-89

2 CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

3 Maine Conservation Corps Fund

4 All Other

\$15,000

5 Provides funds for the
6 Youth Fisheries and
7 Wildlife Conservation
8 Education Program.

9 Sec. 7. P&SL 1987, c. 12, §8 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 8. Annual report. The department shall
11 annually report to the joint standing committee of the
12 Legislature having jurisdiction over fisheries and
13 wildlife on the merits and effectiveness and size
14 of this program and whether the program should be
15 continued.

16 Sec. 8. P&SL 1987, c. 12, §9 is repealed.

17 Sec. 9. Effective Date. This Act shall take
18 effect on January 1, 1989.

19 FISCAL NOTE

20 This new draft is anticipated to result in an
21 increase in dedicated revenue to the Department of
22 Conservation, the Maine Conservation Corps Fund, in
23 the amount of \$15,000 for fiscal year 1988-89. This
24 revenue will be derived from anticipated individual
25 donations from sporting, service or fraternal
26 organizations.

27 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
29 has successfully developed a program to expose
30 secondary school students to the principles and
31 theories behind wildlife management. There are many

1 sporting, service and fraternal clubs in the State
2 that support the concept of this program. This new
3 draft expands the Youth Fisheries and Wildlife
4 Conservation Education Program by allowing individual
5 private clubs and organizations to sponsor additional
6 students. It allows the department to increase the
7 size of the program by an additional 15 students at no
8 additional cost to the State.

9 The new draft increases the age of participants
10 from 15 years to 16 years of age, requires clubs to
11 apply to the department for approval and delays the
12 effective date of these changes to 1989. The
13 program's sunset date is removed and continuation of
14 the program is to be considered annually by the
15 commissioner in his report to the Joint Standing
16 Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

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