

1983 Senate Bill 611

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## 1983 Wisconsin Act 181

AN ACT to amend 20.370 (1) (jq), 20.370 (1) (jq), 20.370 (8) (jq), 23.48 (3) and (4) (b), 23.48 (8) (b) and (e) to (g) and (9) (b) and 23.48 (11) (b) and (e) of the statutes, relating to the Wisconsin conservation corps program, providing for a study and changing certain appropriations for the Wisconsin conservation corps program from annual to biennial appropriations.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 20.370 (1) (jq) of the statutes, as created by 1983 Wisconsin Act 27, is amended to read:

20.370 (1) (jq) *Conservation corps — corps enrollee compensation and support; state funds.* ~~From Biennially, from~~ the forestry account in the conservation fund, excluding revenues credited to this account as a result of the tax levied under s. 70.58, the amounts in the schedule for the payment of corps enrollee compensation and for the payment of other costs for conservation projects if those costs are not paid by project sponsors. Corps enrollee compensation includes the cost of salaries, benefits, incentive payments and vouchers.

SECTION 1m. 20.370 (1) (jq) of the statutes, as affected by 1983 Wisconsin Acts 27 and .... (this act), is amended to read:

20.370 (1) (jq) *Conservation corps — corps enrollee compensation and support; state funds.* Biennially, ~~from the forestry account~~ those accounts in the conservation fund, excluding ~~revenues credited to this account as a result of the tax levied under s. 70.58~~ the forestry account, the amounts in the schedule for the payment of corps enrollee compensation and for the payment of other costs for conservation projects if those costs are not paid by project sponsors. Corps enrollee compensation includes the cost of salaries, benefits, incentive payments and vouchers.

SECTION 2. 20.370 (8) (jq) of the statutes, as created by 1983 Wisconsin Act 27, is amended to read:

20.370 (8) (jq) *Conservation corps — administrative support; state funds.* ~~From Biennially, from~~ the forestry account in the conservation fund, excluding revenues credited to this account as a result of the tax levied under s. 70.58, the amounts in the schedule for the payment of administrative expenses related to the Wisconsin conservation corps program.

SECTION 3. 23.48 (3) and (4) (b) of the statutes, as created by 1983 Wisconsin Act 27, are amended to read:

23.48 (3) PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY AND COORDINATION. The board is the policy-making body responsible for the Wisconsin conservation corps program and shall establish guidelines for this program. The board, ~~in cooperation with the department,~~ may delegate responsibility for administration, implementation of conservation projects, corps enrollee employment and supervision, project coordination and other details of the program to the executive secretary or other staff of the board ~~or staff provided by the department.~~ The department shall assist the board in payroll, accounting and related management functions.

(4) (b) *Staff.* The ~~department~~ board shall ~~provide employ~~ staff within the classified service which is necessary to administer the Wisconsin conservation corps program, including staff to coordinate, supervise and implement conservation projects, to recruit and train corps enrollees and to provide administrative, typing and clerical services. The department shall provide staff within the classified service which is necessary to provide for payroll, accounting and related management functions associated with the Wisconsin conservation corps program.

SECTION 4. 23.48 (8) (b) and (e) to (g) and (9) (b) of the statutes, as created by 1983 Wisconsin Act 27, are amended to read:

23.48 (8) (b) *Administration.* ~~The department shall provide staff for and administer the Wisconsin conservation corps program shall be administered~~ according to guidelines provided by the board.

(e) *Complete project cost estimate.* Prior to approval of a conservation project, the ~~department~~ executive secretary shall prepare and submit to the board a complete project cost estimate. This estimate shall include a summary of all anticipated costs resulting from the implementation of the project.

(f) *Detailed work plan.* Prior to approval of a conservation project, the ~~department~~ executive secretary shall prepare and submit to the board a detailed work plan specifying the nature, scope and duration of the project; the number of corps enrollees; training, supervisory, administrative and other service requirements; supply, fuel, tool, equipment, safety equipment and other material requirements; time schedules; and other details relating to the implementation of the project.

(g) *Responsibility agreement.* Prior to approval of a conservation project, the ~~department~~ executive secretary shall prepare and submit to the board a responsibility agreement which incorporates the complete project cost estimate and detailed work plan and specifies in detail the responsibilities of the sponsor and the board with respect to the project.

(9) (b) *Education and training.* The board shall facilitate arrangements with local schools and institutions of higher education for academic study by corps enrollees during nonworking hours to upgrade literacy skills, obtain equivalency diplomas or college degrees or enhance employable skills. The ~~department~~ board shall encourage the development of training programs for corps enrollees for use during time periods when circumstances do not permit work on a conservation project.

SECTION 5. 23.48 (11) (b) and (e) of the statutes, as created by 1983 Wisconsin Act 27, are amended to read:

23.48 (11) (b) *Unemployed.* In order to qualify for employment as a corps member, a person is required to be unemployed at the time he or she applies for employment. In order to qualify for employment as an assistant crew leader, a person is required to be either unemployed at the time he or she applies for employment or is required to be employed as a corps member. In order to establish that a person is unemployed at the time of application for employment, the ~~department~~ board may require the person to be certified as unemployed by a local job service office.

(e) *Physical examination.* No physical examination is required in order to apply for employment as a corps enrollee but the board shall require a physical examination prior to employment. The board may accept evidence of a physical examination conducted within one year prior to employment if the examining physician signs a form containing the information required by the ~~department~~ board.

**SECTION 5g. Nonstatutory provisions; administration.** In preparing the 1985-87 biennial budget and related documents, the department of administration shall consider the base level of funding for the Wisconsin conservation corps under section 20.370 (1) (jq) of the statutes, as created by 1983 Wisconsin Act 27, for 1984-85 to be \$2,500,000.

**SECTION 5p. Nonstatutory provisions; natural resources; study.** The department of natural resources in cooperation with the department of administration shall conduct a study of methods for financing and sources of funding for the Wisconsin conservation corps program. The department of natural resources shall submit the results of this study to the legislature by January 1, 1985.

**SECTION 6. Nonstatutory provisions; natural resources; Wisconsin conservation corps; position transfer.** On the effective date of this act, the employees, materials, supplies and records associated with those aspects of the Wisconsin conservation corps program assigned to the Wisconsin conservation corps board by this act, as determined by the department of administration, are transferred from the department of natural resources to the Wisconsin conservation corps board. Employees transferred to the Wisconsin conservation corps board retain the rights and status which they enjoy in the department of natural resources except that they are no longer employees of that department and may not exercise the right of displacement with respect to employees of that department. Employees transferred to the Wisconsin conservation corps board while on probation in their current positions with the department of natural resources continue on probation until the probationary period expires.

**SECTION 7. Effective dates.** Except as provided under subsection (2), all sections of this act take effect on the day following publication.

(2) The amendment of section 20.370 (1) (jq) of the statutes by SECTION 1m of this act takes effect on July 1, 1985.

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