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SENATE BILL 168

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
2000**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO JUVENILE JUSTICE; PROVIDING THE NEW MEXICO YOUTH  
CONSERVATION CORPS COMMISSION WITH AUTHORITY TO REVIEW AND  
APPROVE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE PART OF A JUVENILE  
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES INITIATIVE; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE  
NEW MEXICO YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 9-5B-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992,  
Chapter 91, Section 2) is amended to read:

"9-5B-2. PURPOSE.--

A. The purpose of the New Mexico Youth  
Conservation Corps Act is to provide:

(1) a process to employ young persons in  
public projects that conserve New Mexico's natural resources  
and provide community benefits of lasting value; and

(2) a process for reviewing and approving

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1 vocational programs that are part of a juvenile construction  
2 industries initiative for juveniles who are committed to the  
3 custody of the children, youth and families department.

4           B. New Mexico will benefit by having its natural  
5 and urban environments improved and enhanced and its youth  
6 instilled with an appreciation of natural resources,  
7 cooperation, hard work and accomplishment."

8           Section 2. Section 9-5B-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992,  
9 Chapter 91, Section 6) is amended to read:

10           "9-5B-6. COMMISSION--POWERS AND DUTIES.--

11           A. The commission may:

12                   (1) accept gifts, devises, grants and  
13 donations from others to carry out the provisions of the New  
14 Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Act;

15                   (2) request assistance and staff support  
16 from the department;

17                   (3) employ such personnel as necessary to  
18 carry out the provisions of the New Mexico Youth Conservation  
19 Corps Act;

20                   (4) delegate responsibility for the  
21 administration and implementation of conservation projects,  
22 corps members' employment and supervision, project  
23 coordination and other program matters;

24                   (5) establish work camps and long-term  
25 residential facilities to house corps members and their  
supervisors; and

                  (6) contact potential sponsors and funding

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1 sources for support.

2 B. The commission shall:

3 (1) adopt rules and regulations that are  
4 necessary for the proper administration of the New Mexico  
5 Youth Conservation Corps Act;

6 (2) administer and enforce the provisions of  
7 the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Act and rules and  
8 regulations adopted pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this  
9 subsection;

10 (3) develop and approve corps work projects,  
11 activities and contracts with project sponsors;

12 (4) establish standards, procedures and  
13 policies for selecting, hiring, providing compensation for  
14 and other personnel matters involving corps members and other  
15 personnel;

16 (5) foster partnerships and cooperation  
17 between the corps and New Mexico's secondary and post-  
18 secondary schools to assist corps members in obtaining  
19 education and job training; ~~and~~

20 (6) review and approve vocational programs  
21 that are part of a juvenile construction industries  
22 initiative for juveniles who are committed to the custody of  
23 the children, youth and families department; and

24 ~~(+6)~~ (7) hire a program manager, who shall  
25 be the administrative officer of the corps."

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2000.

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