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AN ACT

AMENDING LAWS 1990, CHAPTER 266, SECTIONS 9, 10, 11 AND 12; RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Laws 1990, chapter 266, section 9 is amended to read:  
3 Sec. 9. Arizona environmental education task force;  
4 appointment; meetings, duties  
5 A. The Arizona environmental education task force is established  
6 consisting of thirty-one members appointed by the governor.  
7 B. The members shall each have experience in environmental issues  
8 and shall consist of:  
9 1. One employee in an administrative or managerial capacity of the  
10 department of education.  
11 2. One employee in an administrative or managerial capacity of one  
12 of the universities under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of  
13 regents.  
14 3. One employee in an administrative or managerial capacity of a  
15 community college under the jurisdiction of the state board of directors  
16 for community colleges.  
17 4. Two teachers from public schools of this state, one teacher from  
18 grades one through eight and one teacher from grades nine through twelve.  
19 5. One member of the commission on the Arizona environment.  
20 6. Four members from recognized private organizations which promote  
21 conservation of the environment.  
22 7. Two members from the private business sector.  
23 8. One member from a health organization.  
24 9. One teacher from a private school located in this state.  
25 10. One employee of a federal natural resource agency.  
26 11. One member of the interagency committee on environmental  
27 education.  
28 12. Four members of the general public each of whom must reside in a  
29 different region of this state.  
30 13. One Native American who resides on a reservation in this state.

- 1 14. One member of the governor's staff.
- 2 15. One member of the communications media.
- 3 16. Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall
- 4 be a republican and one of whom shall be a democrat.
- 5 17. Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be a republican and
- 6 one of whom shall be a democrat.
- 7 18. One employee in an administrative or managerial capacity with
- 8 the department of environmental quality.
- 9 19. One employee in an administrative or managerial capacity with
- 10 the Arizona geological survey.
- 11 20. One employee in an administrative or managerial capacity with
- 12 the department of health services.
- 13 21. One employee in an administrative or managerial capacity with
- 14 the game and fish department.
- 15 C. The task force shall:
- 16 1. Select a chairperson and vice-chairpersons. The chairperson
- 17 shall organize the task force into subgroups to effectively carry out the
- 18 mandates of the task force.
- 19 2. Prepare a status report providing a current assessment of
- 20 environmental education activities within this state for submission to the
- 21 governor by ~~December 1, 1990~~ APRIL 22, 1991. The report shall include
- 22 findings and recommendations necessary to establish a unified and
- 23 coordinated environmental education program within this state and may
- 24 include draft legislation or rules necessary to implement the
- 25 recommendations.
- 26 3. Issue a comprehensive plan for environmental education in this
- 27 state to the governor by ~~June 1~~ DECEMBER 15, 1991.
- 28 4. Advise the governor, the legislature and the agencies of this
- 29 state on policies and practices needed to provide environmental education
- 30 to visitors and residents who have little or no contact with the public
- 31 education system of this state.
- 32 5. Recommend a priority list for the types of programs to be funded
- 33 through the environmental education trust fund.
- 34 6. Establish programs to promote public awareness of environmental
- 35 issues by recommending the production of media programs relating to
- 36 environmental issues with the assistance of state agencies.
- 37 7. Provide assistance to and obtain information from the
- 38 interagency committee on environmental education to coordinate the
- 39 environmental education programs of the state agencies.
- 40 8. Develop a mechanism for spending monies appropriated and donated
- 41 for environmental education.
- 42 9. Recommend legislation to disburse monies held in the
- 43 environmental number plate fund pursuant to section 15-214, Arizona
- 44 Revised Statutes.
- 45 10. Conduct a feasibility study of implementing regional resource
- 46 centers that best meet the environmental education needs of this state and
- 47 are consistent with the policy and philosophy of this act and make
- 48 recommendations to the universities regarding this implementation.

1 11. Submit recommendations regarding environmental education issues  
2 to the department of education and encourage the department of education  
3 to implement such recommendations.

4 D. The task force may:

5 1. Evaluate the environmental education programs for visitors and  
6 residents who do not regularly receive services from the public education  
7 system of this state and, as appropriate, prepare studies and  
8 recommendations to improve the effect of those programs on public support  
9 for environmental protection.

10 2. Examine proposed and existing programs that affect the  
11 environment and recommend statewide policies that will direct a unified,  
12 coordinated effort to educate the public about the programs.

13 3. Encourage and, when appropriate, coordinate studies relating to  
14 the environment and environmental education conducted by the universities  
15 and by state, local and federal agencies.

16 E. The task force may use the resources and staff of the governor's  
17 office, the Arizona commission on the environment, the university system,  
18 state agencies and the legislature to accomplish its goals and duties.

19 Sec. 2. Laws 1990, chapter 266, section 10, is amended to read:

20 Sec. 10. Arizona environmental education task force fund

21 A. An Arizona environmental education task force fund is  
22 established in the Arizona environmental education task force consisting  
23 of monies received from private individuals and organizations.

24 B. The task force shall develop a plan for the expenditure of  
25 monies in the fund. All monies in the fund shall only be used to carry  
26 out the duties of the task force.

27 C. The fund established in this section is exempt from the  
28 provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to  
29 lapsing of appropriations. Any monies remaining in the fund after June  
30 30, ~~1991~~ 1992 revert to the environmental education fund established  
31 pursuant to section 15-1211, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this  
32 act.

33 Sec. 3. Laws 1990, chapter 266, section 11, is amended to read:

34 Sec. 11. Delayed repeal

35 Sections 9 and 10 of this act are repealed from and after June 30,  
36 ~~1991~~ 1992.

37 Sec. 4. Laws 1990, chapter 266, section 12, is amended to read:

38 Sec. 12. Implementation of environmental education  
39 programs

40 A. Notwithstanding section 15-706, Arizona Revised Statutes, as  
41 added by this act:

42 1. School districts shall implement environmental education  
43 programs in the academic year following the fiscal year in which the  
44 environmental education information resource system is established as  
45 provided in paragraph 3 of this subsection.

46 2. The state board of education is required to develop guidelines  
47 for environmental programs by June 30, ~~1991~~ 1992 and assessments of  
48 environmental education programs by September 1, ~~1992~~ 1993.

1           3. The department of education is required to establish and  
2 maintain an environmental education information resource system during the  
3 fiscal year in which the department of education environmental education  
4 fund contains at least one hundred thousand dollars.

5           B. Notwithstanding section 15-1643, Arizona Revised Statutes, as  
6 added by this act, a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona  
7 board of regents is not required to incorporate training in environmental  
8 education into its teacher training programs, provide environmental  
9 education training programs to certificated teachers or establish an  
10 environmental resource center until fiscal year 1991-1992.

11           C. The department of education, in consultation with the Arizona  
12 board of regents, shall submit a report on the implementation and  
13 assessment of environmental education programs and the training of  
14 certificated teachers in environmental education to the president of the  
15 senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the governor by  
16 November 15, 1993.

17           Sec. 5. Emergency

18           This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
19 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
20 law.

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