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Chapter 8. Youth Conservation Corps

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Purposes of chapter

Sec. 1. The purposes of this chapter are to provide the youth of Indiana with the opportunity for short term employment and the opportunity to gain an appreciation for the state's natural environment by working with the department and others for the conservation and maintenance of the state forests and other publicly owned land.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.

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"Agency" defined

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "agency" means:

- (1) a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13); or
- (2) a private entity desiring to participate in a corps program.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.

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"Corps" defined

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "corps" refers to the youth conservation corps established by this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.

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Establishment of corps

Sec. 4. The youth conservation corps is established to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The department shall administer the corps.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.

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Members

Sec. 5. (a) The corps consists of persons who are:

- (1) employed by:
 - (A) the department; or
 - (B) an agency designated by the department; and
- (2) at least fifteen (15) years of age but less than nineteen (19) years of age.

(b) A person may not be employed as a member of the corps more than one hundred twenty (120) days during a calendar year.

(c) The department shall establish recruitment guidelines for accepting applications to the corps.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.

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Corps camps; services and equipment

Sec. 6. (a) The department may establish corps camps if there is sufficient money available to establish a corps camp for the youth of Indiana.

(b) The department may provide transportation, lodging, subsistence, and other services and equipment for the members of the corps.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.

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Participation in corps camp program

Sec. 7. (a) For an agency to participate in the corps camp program for a particular year, the agency must submit an application for participation to the department in the form and in the manner required by the department.

(b) Each participating agency shall, from the agency's general money, contribute an amount of money determined by the department, but not less than twenty percent (20%) of the total amount of:

- (1) money expended;
- (2) the value of services, materials, or property used; or
- (3) both;

in the area under the agency's jurisdiction for purposes of the corps camp.

(c) Instead of the amount of money or a part of the amount of money determined under subsection (b), the agency may contribute labor, materials, or property equivalent in value to the amount of money to carry out this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.

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Compensation and conditions of employment

Sec. 8. The department shall establish the rates of pay, hours, and other conditions of employment in the corps.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.

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Contracts for services or equipment

Sec. 9. The department may contract with a governmental agency or a private person for any of the services or equipment necessary or required to carry out this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.

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Cooperation in recruitment

Sec. 10. At the request of the department, the department of education shall assist in carrying out the recruitment and selection of students to participate in the corps program. School corporations and governmental agencies are encouraged to cooperate with the department in recruiting for the corps program.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.

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Instruction and work experience plan

Sec. 11. The department may cooperate with a school corporation, governmental agency, college, or university to develop an instruction and work experience plan that provides for high school or college credit for students participating in the corps program.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.