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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: No

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FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

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P.L.1995. CHAPTER 409, approved January 10, 1996
1994 Assembly No. 792 (Third Reprint)

1 AN ACT concerning environmental education, supplementing
2 chapter 6 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, repealing
3 P.L.1971. c.279, and making an appropriation.
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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
6 State of New Jersey:

7 1. a. There is hereby created in but not of the Department of
8 Environmental Protection the New Jersey Commission on
9 Environmental Education. The commission shall consist of ¹[21]
10 ²[~~22~~¹] ²³² public members, the commissioners, or their designees,
11 of the Department of Education, ¹[the Department of Higher
12 Education,]¹ the Department of Environmental Protection, and
13 the Department of Health. the ¹[environmental prosecutor]
14 Attorney General¹ or a designee ¹with responsibility in the area
15 of environmental law, the Executive Director of the Commission
16 on Higher Education¹, and a designee of the governor. The public
17 members shall consist of two college professors in the fields of
18 environmental education or environmental science; one private
19 school teacher and two public school teachers, one of whom is
20 selected by the New Jersey Education Association, including one
21 teacher from ¹[kindergarden] kindergarten¹ to third grade, one
22 from fourth to sixth grade, and one from seventh to twelfth
23 grade; one school administrator; ¹one representative of the New
24 Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association¹; one local school
25 board representative selected by the New Jersey School Board
26 Association; one member of ²[the clergy] an interfaith religious
27 organization²; one representative from labor; one representative
28 from industry; two representatives from environmental or public
29 interest organizations; two representatives from cultural
30 institutions such as museums and nature centers; two
31 representatives from the field of environmental health; two
32 non-academic science professionals; two representatives from
33 the agricultural community; ²[and]² one student representative
34 from a student environmental organization, such as Kids Against
35 Pollution ²; and one representative from the South Jersey
36 Environmental Information Center².

37 b. The public members shall be appointed by the ¹[governor]
38 Governor¹ for terms of three years, except that the student
39 representative shall be appointed for a term of one year, and in
40 the first year the other public members shall be appointed to
41 staggered terms as follows:

42 (1) ¹[Six] Seven¹ shall be appointed to terms of one year;

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AEN committee amendments adopted November 21, 1994.

² Assembly floor amendments adopted December 11, 1995.

³ Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's
recommendations January 9, 1996.

- 1 (2) Seven shall be appointed to terms of two years; and
 2 (3) Seven shall be appointed to terms of three years.
 3 c. The commission shall meet, at a minimum, four times a
 4 year.
 5 d. ¹The commission shall elect a chairperson and a
 6 vice-chairperson from among its membership. The term of office
 7 for each position shall be two years.
 8 e.¹ The commission ³(shall have a full-time Executive
 9 Director and at least one full-time staff member.) may hire staff
 10 as necessary within the limits of funding as provided by section 5
 11 of P.L. c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this
 12 bill).³
 13 2. The commission shall:
 14 a. Advise and oversee the implementation of the Plan of
 15 Action ¹[which] that¹ was adopted by the Commission on
 16 Environmental Education ¹[established] created¹ by Executive
 17 Order Number 205 of 1989 and ¹reconvened as the New Jersey
 18 Commission on Environmental Education by Executive Order
 19 Number 111 of 1993¹;
 20 b. Develop and maintain, with the assistance of the various
 21 agencies and departments, a bi-annual inventory of the
 22 environmental education resources that are available in all State
 23 agencies and departments;
 24 c. Develop and maintain an Environmental Education Network
 25 of activities, resources and model programs throughout the State;
 26 d. Organize a global forum on environmental education to be
 27 held every three to five years;
 28 e. Organize and support an annual Environmental Education
 29 Week;
 30 f. Support such other environmental education activities as the
 31 commission determines are appropriate;
 32 g. Provide technical assistance to the Legislature for
 33 legislation related to environmental education; and
 34 h. Submit an annual report on the status of environmental
 35 education to the Governor and the Legislature.
 36 3. The ³[State Board of Education shall:
 37 a. Integrate environmental education into the State's
 38 curriculum frameworks, proficiencies and assessment programs,
 39 including the fourth grade, eighth grade, and eleventh grade State
 40 tests, except that environmental education shall not be a
 41 graduation requirement;] Inter-agency Work Group, created
 42 pursuant to section 4 of P.L. c. (C.) (now pending before
 43 the Legislature as this bill), may;³
 44 ³[b.] a.³ Publicize existing model environmental education
 45 programs;
 46 ³[c.] b.³ Provide leadership and coordination in conducting
 47 teacher in-service programs throughout the State;
 48 ³[d.] c.³ Solicit public and private partnerships at the local,
 49 State and national levels to provide teacher education programs;
 50 and
 51 ³[e.] d.³ Provide the commission with information concerning
 52 the availability of environmental education to students in the
 53 State.
 54 4. There is created an Inter-agency Work Group, which shall

1 consist of the commissioner ¹or secretary¹, or his designee, of
2 each of the principal departments. This work group shall meet
3 periodically to coordinate the environmental education efforts of
4 the various departments and agencies in the State.

5 5. ³[a.]³ The Environmental Education Fund is established as a
6 nonlapsing revolving fund in the Department of Environmental
7 Protection. The fund shall be administered by the commission,
8 and shall be credited with all moneys appropriated by this act and
9 with grant moneys or any other revenue obtained by the
10 commission for the purpose of environmental education. Interest
11 received on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

12 ³[b. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
13 Environmental Education Fund ¹[\$300,000, of which \$150,000
14 shall be from fines and penalties collected for violations of
15 environmental laws] the sum of \$75,000¹. There is allocated
16 from the Environmental Education Fund ¹[\$200,000] the sum of
17 \$50,000¹ to the Environmental Education Commission and
18 ¹[\$100,000] the sum of \$25,000¹ to the State Board of Education,
19 to be used for the purposes set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this
20 act.]³

21 6. P.L.1971, c.279 ¹(C.18A:6-80 et seq.)¹ is hereby repealed.

22 7. The Commission on Environmental Education, which was
23 created by Executive Order ¹Number¹ 205 of 1989 ¹and
24 reconvened as the New Jersey Commission on Environmental
25 Education by Executive Order Number 111 of 1993¹, is abolished
26 ¹as of the date of the first meeting of the New Jersey
27 Commission on Environmental Education created by this act¹.

28 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Creates NJ Commission on Environmental Education.

STATEMENT

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3 This bill would create a permanent Environmental Education
4 Commission in the Department of Environmental Protection for
5 the purpose of implementing the proposals of the Commission on
6 Environmental Education, which was created by Executive Order
7 205 of 1989. The commission would also develop a bi-annual
8 inventory of the State's environmental education resources, and
9 an Environmental Education Network of activities, resources and
10 model programs. The commission would organize a global forum
11 on environmental education and an annual environmental
12 education week. Finally, the commission would assist in the
13 development of environmental education legislation.

14 The bill would also mandate that the State Board of Education
15 integrate environmental education into the State's curriculum
16 frameworks, proficiencies and assessment programs, publicize
17 existing environmental education programs, coordinate teacher
18 in-service programs, solicit public and private assistance in the
19 provision of teacher education programs, and provide the
20 commission with information concerning the availability of
21 environmental education in the State.

22 The bill would create an Inter-agency Work Group to
23 coordinate activities among the principal State departments.

24 An Environmental Education Fund would be created in the
25 department to receive appropriations and other revenue. The bill
26 appropriates \$300,000 to the fund from the General Fund,
27 including \$150,000 in environmental fines and penalties. Of this
28 amount, \$200,000 is allocated to the commission and \$100,000 is
29 allocated to the State Board of Education.

30 The "Environmental Education Act," P.L.1971, c.279. is
31 repealed because the authority granted to the Commissioner of
32 Education to promote environmental education in the State would
33 be vested in the Environmental Education Commission and the
34 Office of Environmental Education.

35 The temporary Commission on Environmental Education,
36 created by Executive Order, is abolished because the bill replaces
37 the commission with a permanent commission with a different
38 composition and purpose.

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44 Creates Environmental Education Commission; appropriates
\$300,000.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 792

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 21, 1994

The Assembly Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 792 with committee amendments.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill would create a 28-member permanent New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education in but not of the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of implementing the proposals of the Commission on Environmental Education, which was created by Executive Order Number 205 of 1989 and reconvened as the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education by Executive Order Number 111 of 1993. The commission would also develop a bi-annual inventory of the State's environmental education resources and an environmental education network of activities, resources and model programs. In addition, the commission would organize global forums on environmental education and an annual environmental education week. Finally, the commission would assist in the development of environmental education legislation.

The bill would also mandate that the State Board of Education integrate environmental education into the State's curriculum frameworks, proficiencies and assessment programs, publicize existing model environmental education programs, coordinate teacher in-service programs, solicit public and private assistance in the provision of teacher education programs, and provide the commission with information concerning the availability of environmental education to students in the State.

The bill would create an Inter-agency Work Group to coordinate environmental education activities and efforts among the principal State departments.

An Environmental Education Fund, to be administered by the commission, would be created in the Department of Environmental Protection to receive appropriations and other revenue. The bill would appropriate \$75,000 to the fund from the General Fund. Of this amount, \$50,000 would be allocated to the commission and \$25,000 would be allocated to the State Board of Education.

The bill would repeal the "Environmental Education Act," P.L.1971, c.279 (C.18A:6-80 et seq.), because the authority granted to the Commissioner of Education to promote environmental education in the State would be vested instead in the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education created in the bill.

The temporary Commission on Environmental Education (renamed the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education), created by Executive Order, would be abolished in favor of the permanent commission created in the bill.

The committee amended the bill to: replace the Chancellor of Higher Education with the Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education as a member of the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education; replace the Environmental Prosecutor with the Attorney General, or a designee thereof with responsibility in the area of environmental law, as a member of the commission; add a representative of the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association to the commission, thus raising the total membership of the commission from 27 to 28 persons, of whom 22 would be public members; provide for the election of a chairperson and a vice-chairperson of the commission for two-year terms; reduce the appropriation from \$300,000 to \$75,000 and change the allocation formula therefor in the bill accordingly; remove the reference to fines and penalties for violations of environmental laws as a source for that appropriation; provide that the current temporary commission would remain in existence until the new permanent commission created by the bill holds its first meeting; and update references to executive orders affecting the current temporary commission. The committee also made technical and clarifying amendments to the bill.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1994-95 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.



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ASSEMBLY Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblyman OROS)

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Assembly, No. 792 (1R)

(Sponsored by Assemblyman OROS and Assemblywoman OGDEN)

REPLACE SECTION 1 TO READ:

1. a. There is hereby created in but not of the Department of Environmental Protection the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education. The commission shall consist of ¹[21] ²[~~22~~¹] ²³ public members, the commissioners, or their designees, of the Department of Education, ¹[the Department of Higher Education,] ¹the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department of Health, the ¹[environmental prosecutor] Attorney General¹ or a designee ¹with responsibility in the area of environmental law, the Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education¹, and a designee of the governor. The public members shall consist of two college professors in the fields of environmental education or environmental science; one private school teacher and two public school teachers, one of whom is selected by the New Jersey Education Association, including one teacher from ¹[kindergarden] kindergarten¹ to third grade, one from fourth to sixth grade, and one from seventh to twelfth grade; one school administrator; ¹one representative of the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association¹; one local school board representative selected by the New Jersey School Board Association; one member of ²[the clergy] an interfaith religious organization²; one representative from labor; one representative from industry; two representatives from environmental or public interest organizations; two representatives from cultural institutions such as museums and nature centers; two representatives from the field of environmental health; two non-academic science professionals; two representatives from the agricultural community; ²[and]² one student representative from a student environmental organization, such as Kids Against Pollution ²; and one representative from the South Jersey Environmental Information Center².

b. The public members shall be appointed by the ¹[governor] Governor¹ for terms of three years, except that the student representative shall be appointed for a term of one year, and in the first year the other public members shall be appointed to staggered terms as follows:

- (1) ¹[Six] Seven¹ shall be appointed to terms of one year;
- (2) Seven shall be appointed to terms of two years; and
- (3) Seven shall be appointed to terms of three years.

c. The commission shall meet, at a minimum, four times a year.

d. ¹The commission shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among its membership. The term of office for each position shall be two years.

g.1 The commission shall have a full-time Executive Director and at least one full-time staff member.

STATEMENT

The amendments increase the number of public members from 22 to 23 by adding one representative from the South Jersey Environmental Information Center to the membership of the commission created by the bill. The amendments also change the public member of the clergy to a member of an interfaith religious organization.

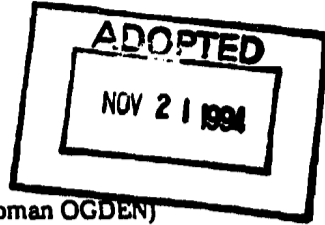
ASSEMBLY AEN COMMITTEE

AMENDMENTS

to

Assembly, No. 792

(Sponsored by Assemblyman OROS and Assemblywoman OGDEN)



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d. ¹The commission shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among its membership. The term of office for each position shall be two years.

e. ¹The commission shall have a full-time Executive Director and at least one full-time staff member.

REPLACE SECTION 2 TO READ:

2. The commission shall:

a. Advise and oversee the implementation of the Plan of Action ¹[which] that¹ was adopted by the Commission on Environmental Education ¹[established] created¹ by Executive Order Number 205 of 1989 and ¹reconvened as the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education by Executive Order Number 111 of 1993¹;

b. Develop and maintain, with the assistance of the various agencies and departments, a bi-annual inventory of the environmental education resources that are available in all State agencies and departments;

c. Develop and maintain an Environmental Education Network of activities, resources and model programs throughout the State;

d. Organize a global forum on environmental education to be held every three to five years;

e. Organize and support an annual Environmental Education Week;

f. Support such other environmental education activities as the commission determines are appropriate;

g. Provide technical assistance to the Legislature for legislation related to environmental education; and

h. Submit an annual report on the status of environmental education to the Governor and the Legislature.

REPLACE SECTION 4 TO READ:

4. There is created an Inter-agency Work Group, which shall consist of the commissioner ¹or secretary¹, or his designee, of each of the principal departments. This work group shall meet periodically to coordinate the environmental education efforts of the various departments and agencies in the State.

REPLACE SECTION 5 TO READ:

5. a. The Environmental Education Fund is established as a nonlapsing revolving fund in the Department of Environmental Protection. The fund shall be administered by the commission, and shall be credited with all moneys appropriated by this act and with grant moneys or any other revenue obtained by the commission for the purpose of environmental education. Interest received on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

b. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Environmental Education Fund ¹[\$300,000, of which \$150,000 shall be from fines and penalties collected for violations of environmental laws] the sum of \$75,000¹. There is allocated from the Environmental Education Fund ¹[\$200,000] the sum of \$50,000¹ to the Environmental Education Commission and ¹[\$100,000] the sum of \$25,000¹ to the State Board of Education, to be used for the purposes set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this act.

REPLACE SECTION 6 TO READ:

6. P.L.1971, c.279 ¹[C.18A:6-80 et seq.]¹ is hereby repealed.

REPLACE SECTION 7 TO READ:

7. The Commission on Environmental Education, which was created by Executive Order ¹Number¹ 205 of 1989 ¹and reconvened as the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education by Executive Order Number 111 of 1993¹, is abolished ¹as of the date of the first meeting of the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education created by this act¹.

REPLACE SYNOPSIS TO READ:

Creates NJ Commission on Environmental Education;
appropriates \$75,000.



the Statewide Independent Living Council and centers for independent living within the State; and

g. Perform such other functions consistent with the purpose of Title I, as the Council determines to be appropriate and that are comparable to the other functions performed by the Council (Section 105(c) of the Act).

6. The Council, in performing its duties, may consult with existing agencies in planning, coordination, and delivery of vocational rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities and their families at the State, county, and local levels.

7. No member of the Council is to vote on any matter that would provide direct financial benefit to the member or otherwise give the appearance of a conflict of interest under State law (Section 105(e) of the Act).

8. The Council, consistent with State law, is to supervise and evaluate staff and other personnel as may be necessary to carry out its functions. While assisting the Council in carrying out its responsibilities, staff and other personnel are not to be assigned duties by the Division or any other agency or office of the State that would create a conflict of interest.

9. The Council is to convene at least four meetings a year in such places as it determines to be necessary to conduct Council business. It may also convene forums or hearings as it determines appropriate and necessary to carry out its duties.

10. Public meetings are to be announced and open and accessible to the general public, unless there is a valid reason for an executive session (Section 105(f) of the Act).

11. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued October 29, 1993.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 111

WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of New Jersey have an inherent right to a healthy environment; and

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WHEREAS, There is a direct relationship between the health of the environment and the level of environmental awareness among the State's citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Environmental education is an integral part of a complete educational experience for students at the elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels; and

WHEREAS, Environmental education should be an integral part of a lifelong learning process that involves both the formal education that occurs in school and the informal education that occurs in all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education was originally convened by former Governor Thomas Kean in 1989 pursuant to Executive Order No. 205; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education was created to identify for the Governor the knowledge, attitudes, values, behaviors and skills that should be recommended for the development of an environmental education master plan; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education has identified the knowledge, attitudes, values, skills and behaviors that an environmentally literate citizenry should acquire, and has codified a Plan of Action for developing such a citizenry through the implementation of a variety of strategies; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to achieve the goals set forth in the Plan of Action developed by the Commission, thus warranting the reconvening of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES J. FLORIO, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER AND DIRECT:

1. There is hereby reconvened the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education, which shall consist of 27 members, as follows:

A. Three public or private school teachers, one from each of the following groupings: grades kindergarten to third, grades fourth to sixth, and grades seventh to twelfth;

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B. Two representatives of each of the following groups: academia in the fields of environmental education and/or environmental science; non-partisan, public interest groups; the field of environmental health; non-academic science professionals; the agricultural community; labor/industry; cultural institutions including, but not limited to, organizations such as museums and nature centers;

C. One representative of each of the following: clergy; school administration; a local school board; and a student representative (grade nine through undergraduate levels);

D. The Commissioners of the following State Departments, or their designees: Education; Higher Education; Environmental Protection and Energy; and Health; and

E. Also included are the Environmental Prosecutor, or a designee; and a representative from the Governor's Office.

The public members shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of three years, and in the first year the public members shall be appointed to staggered terms as follows:

- (1) Seven shall be appointed to terms of one year;
- (2) Seven shall be appointed to terms of two years; and
- (3) Seven shall be appointed to terms of three years.

The Governor shall appoint a chair to the Commission from among its membership, who shall serve in such position at the pleasure of the Governor.

2. The Commission shall meet quarterly throughout the calendar year, and shall:

A. Advise and monitor the Executive Committee on the implementation of the Plan of Action;

B. Advise and monitor the Executive Committee on the utilization of monies from an Environmental Education Trust Fund administered by the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy;

C. Support an annual Environmental Education Week and other activities designed to foster environmental awareness;

D. Report to the Governor as requested on issues relating to environmental education; and

E. Submit an annual report to the Governor on the status of environmental education in the State.

3. There is hereby convened an Environmental Education Executive Committee of nine members, established as a subgroup of the Environmental Education Commission, which shall

be chaired by the Chair of the Commission with the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy and the Commissioner of the Department of Education as vice-chairs, and shall consist of the Commissioners of the following State Departments, or their designees: Higher Education; Health; and Law and Public Safety. The Executive Committee shall also consist of a representative from the Governor's Office and two representatives from the Commission, to be designated by the Governor.

The Chair shall preside over the meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall administer the agenda as submitted by the Committee.

4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every other month, beginning in the month following the effective date of this Order, and shall:

A. Enhance communication with and coordinate the involvement of State departments, including but not limited to those departments represented on the Commission in the implementation of the Plan of Action;

B. In consultation with the Environmental Education Commission, utilize monies available through the Environmental Education Trust Fund, administered by the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, in order to achieve the goals and objectives of the Plan of Action;

C. Conduct an inventory of each State Department, the formal and non-formal education communities, business and industry, environmental groups and organizations, municipal and county government, and civic, youth and religious organizations in the area of environmental education and identify potential areas where environmental education can be infused into government operations.

D. Communicate the findings of the inventory to the Commission at its regularly scheduled meetings, work with the Commission in preparing its annual report, and otherwise establish a "clearinghouse" of information for an environmental education network.

Upon the request of four of the Executive Committee members, the Chair shall schedule a special meeting of the Executive Committee.

5. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy will be the lead agency, in close coordination with the Department of Education, in helping the Commission and the Executive Committee implement the Plan of Action.

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6. This Order shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect until such time legislation is adopted and signed which supersedes this Order.

Issued November 15, 1993.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 112

I, JAMES J. FLORIO, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. November 26, 1993, the day following Thanksgiving, shall be granted as a day off to employees who work in the Executive Departments of State Government and who are paid from State funds or from federal funds made available to the State, whose functions, in the opinion of their appointing authority, permit such absence.

2. An alternate day off shall be granted to the aforementioned category of employees whose functions, in the opinion of their appointing authority, preclude such absence on November 26, 1993.

Issued November 19, 1993.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 113

WHEREAS, The adoption of new pollution prevention strategies can reduce the levels of toxic compounds present in the indoor and outdoor environment; and

WHEREAS, Each State employee has a right to work in a clean and healthy environment, and each citizen of this State has a right to live in a clean environment; and

WHEREAS, Approximately three million pounds of chemical pesticides are used in New Jersey each year by licensed applicators; and

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 205

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey's rural and urban communities are rich in a variety of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, There is an increasing demand being placed upon these natural resources to support the State's citizenry; and

WHEREAS, A clear awareness among the public of the frailty of these natural resources is necessary to protect the health and preserve the quality of life of the State's citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to provide the State's citizenry with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, values, attitudes, commitment and skills needed to protect and enhance these aspects of our environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. There is hereby created the Commission on Environmental Education which shall:

a. identify specific information on the protection and enhancement of the environment which should be communicated to the State's citizenry;

b. propose a plan of actions and programs, including educational initiatives, which should be undertaken to ensure that this information is communicated to the State's citizenry; and

c. provide recommendations regarding measures that should be undertaken by individual and corporate citizens of New Jersey to conform behavior toward protection and enhancement of the environment.

2. The Commission shall consist of 22 members including:

a. two representatives from academia in the fields of environmental education and/or environmental science;

b. one representative of the clergy;

c. two representatives from labor/industry;

d. two representatives from cultural institutions including, but not limited to, organizations such as museums and nature centers;

e. three public or private school teachers, one from each of the following groupings—grades kindergarten to third, grades fourth to sixth, and grades seventh to twelfth;

f. one representative from school administration;

g. one representative from a local school board;

h. two representatives from non-partisan, public interest groups;

i. two representatives from the medical and/or health profession;

j. two non-academic science professionals;

k. two representatives from environmental education groups;

l. the Commissioner of Education, or his designee; and

m. the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or his designee.

3. The Commission shall provide all individuals or organizations so inclined with the opportunity to provide written and/or oral testimony.

4. The Commission shall establish a work schedule and report its findings to the Governor no later than April 23, 1990.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued April 24, 1989.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 206

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 11, dated July 23, 1982, created an Ethnic Advisory Council to advise the Governor regarding the needs of the ethnic communities in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Through Executive Order No. 11, the Executive Branch of government has recognized that the State of New Jersey is one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse states in the country; and

WHEREAS, The wide variety of customs, languages and histories of these varied ethnic groups has significantly enhanced and enriched the quality of the State's cultural and social life; and

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1994 SESSION

By Assemblyman OROS, Assemblywoman OGDEN
and Assemblyman Corodemus

1 AN ACT concerning environmental education, supplementing
2 chapter 6 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, repealing
3 P.L.1971. c.279, and making an appropriation.

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5 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
6 *State of New Jersey:*

7 1. a. There is hereby created in but not of the Department of
8 Environmental Protection the New Jersey Commission on
9 Environmental Education. The commission shall consist of ¹[21]
10 ²[22¹] ²³² public members, the commissioners, or their designees,
11 of the Department of Education, ¹[the Department of Higher
12 Education,]¹ the Department of Environmental Protection, and
13 the Department of Health, the ¹[environmental prosecutor]
14 Attorney General¹ or a designee ¹with responsibility in the area
15 of environmental law, the Executive Director of the Commission
16 on Higher Education¹, and a designee of the governor. The public
17 members shall consist of two college professors in the fields of
18 environmental education or environmental science; one private
19 school teacher and two public school teachers, one of whom is
20 selected by the New Jersey Education Association, including one
21 teacher from ¹[kindergarden] kindergarten¹ to third grade, one
22 from fourth to sixth grade, and one from seventh to twelfth
23 grade; one school administrator; ¹one representative of the New
24 Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association¹; ¹one local school
25 board representative selected by the New Jersey School Board
26 Association; one member of ²[the clergy] an interfaith religious
27 organization²; one representative from labor; one representative
28 from a industry; two representatives from environmental or public
29 interest organizations; two representatives from cultural
30 institutions such as museums and nature centers; two
31 representatives from the field of environmental health; two
32 non-academic science professionals; two representatives from
33 the agricultural community; ²[and]² one student representative
34 from a student environmental organization, such as Kids Against
35 Pollution ²; and one representative from the South Jersey
36 Environmental Information Center².

37 b. The public members shall be appointed by the ¹[governor]
38 Governor¹ for terms of three years, except that the student
39 representative shall be appointed for a term of one year, and in
40 the first year the other public members shall be appointed to
41 staggered terms as follows:

42 () ¹[Six] Seven¹ shall be appointed to terms of one year;

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AEN committee amendments adopted November 21, 1994.

² Assembly floor amendments adopted December 11, 1995.

³ Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's
recommendations January 9, 1996.

- 1 (2) Seven shall be appointed to terms of two years; and
 2 (3) Seven shall be appointed to terms of three years.
 3 c. The commission shall meet, at a minimum, four times a
 4 year.
 5 d. ¹The commission shall elect a chairperson and a
 6 vice-chairperson from among its membership. The term of office
 7 for each position shall be two years.
 8 e.¹ The commission ³[shall have a full-time Executive
 9 Director and at least one full-time staff member.] may hire staff
 10 as necessary within the limits of funding as provided by section 5
 11 of P.L. c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this
 12 bill).³
 13 2. The commission shall:
 14 a. Advise and oversee the implementation of the Plan of
 15 Action ¹[which] that¹ was adopted by the Commission on
 16 Environmental Education ¹[established] created¹ by Executive
 17 Order Number 205 of 1989 and ¹reconvened as the New Jersey
 18 Commission on Environmental Education by Executive Order
 19 Number 111 of 1993¹;
 20 b. Develop and maintain, with the assistance of the various
 21 agencies and departments, a bi-annual inventory of the
 22 environmental education resources that are available in all State
 23 agencies and departments;
 24 c. Develop and maintain an Environmental Education Network
 25 of activities, resources and model programs throughout the State;
 26 d. Organize a global forum on environmental education to be
 27 held every three to five years;
 28 e. Organize and support an annual Environmental Education
 29 Week;
 30 f. Support such other environmental education activities as the
 31 commission determines are appropriate;
 32 g. Provide technical assistance to the Legislature for
 33 legislation related to environmental education; and
 34 h. Submit an annual report on the status of environmental
 35 education to the Governor and the Legislature.
 36 3. The ³[State Board of Education shall:
 37 a. Integrate environmental education into the State's
 38 curriculum frameworks, proficiencies and assessment programs,
 39 including the fourth grade, eighth grade, and eleventh grade State
 40 tests, except that environmental education shall not be a
 41 graduation requirement;] Inter-agency Work Group, created
 42 pursuant to section 4 of P.L. c. (C.) (now pending before
 43 the Legislature as this bill), may:³
 44 ³[b.] a.³ Publicize existing model environmental education
 45 programs;
 46 ³[c.] b.³ Provide leadership and coordination in conducting
 47 teacher in-service programs throughout the State;
 48 ³[d.] c.³ Solicit public and private partnerships at the local,
 49 State and national levels to provide teacher education programs;
 50 and
 51 ³[e.] d.³ Provide the commission with information concerning
 52 the availability of environmental education to students in the
 53 State.
 54 4. There is created an Inter-agency Work Group, which shall

1 consist of the commissioner ¹or secretary¹, or his designee, of
2 each of the principal departments. This work group shall meet
3 periodically to coordinate the environmental education efforts of
4 the various departments and agencies in the State.

5 5. ³[a.]³ The Environmental Education Fund is established as a
6 nonlapsing revolving fund in the Department of Environmental
7 Protection. The fund shall be administered by the commission,
8 and shall be credited with all moneys appropriated by this act and
9 with grant moneys or any other revenue obtained by the
10 commission for the purpose of environmental education. Interest
11 received on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

12 ³[b. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
13 Environmental Education Fund ¹[\$300,000, of which \$150,000
14 shall be from fines and penalties collected for violations of
15 environmental laws] the sum of \$75,000¹. There is allocated
16 from the Environmental Education Fund ¹[\$200,000] the sum of
17 \$50,000¹ to the Environmental Education Commission and
18 ¹[\$100,000] the sum of \$25,000¹ to the State Board of Education,
19 to be used for the purposes set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this
20 act.]³

21 6. P.L.1971, c.279 ¹(C.18A:6-80 et seq.)¹ is hereby repealed.

22 7. The Commission on Environmental Education, which was
23 created by Executive Order ¹Number¹ 205 of 1989 ¹and
24 reconvened as the New Jersey Commission on Environmental
25 Education by Executive Order Number 111 of 1993¹, is abolished
26 ¹as of the date of the first meeting of the New Jersey
27 Commission on Environmental Education created by this act¹.

28 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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33 Creates NJ Commission on Environmental Education.