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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2857, AS REPORTED

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Page 144, strike lines 15 through 19 and insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

Subtitle I—Energy Conservation Corps

SEC. 1811. GENERAL AUTHORITY.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (in this subtitle referred to as the "Corporation") shall make grants to States for the creation or expansion of full-time or part-time Energy Conservation Corps programs. Notwithstanding provisions identified in this subtitle, the Corporation shall apply the provisions of subtitle C of this subchapter in making grants under this section as necessary.

SEC. 1812. APPLICATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subtitle, a State shall invite applications from within the State to receive an Energy Conservation Corps grant.

(b) PROCESS.—The State shall then prepare and submit a State application to the Corporation at such time,

1 in such manner, and containing such information as the
2 Corporation may reasonably require. The Corporation
3 shall consult with state and local Conservation Corps in
4 the development of the application guidelines.

5 (c) DISADVANTAGED YOUTH.—To acknowledge the
6 focused enrollment of disadvantaged youth and young
7 adults in the Energy Conservation Corps, the Corporation
8 shall—

9 (1) allow a higher cost-per-member to enable
10 Energy Conservation Corps programs to provide the
11 necessary supportive services to ensure the success
12 of the participants; and

13 (2) allow for greater flexibility in retention
14 rates.

15 (d) CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL CORPS.—The
16 Corporation shall allow for equal consideration of residen-
17 tial Corps program opportunities since residential Corps
18 thrive in rural areas that commonly lack opportunities for
19 young adults, enable the participation for emancipated
20 foster youth, gang involved youth, and others lacking a
21 safe and stable home environment, allow for more struc-
22 tured time for work, training, education and counseling,
23 and provide disaster response-ready crews immediately
24 upon request.

1 (e) EQUITABLE TREATMENT.—In the consideration
2 of applications, the Corporation shall ensure the equitable
3 treatment of both urban and rural areas.

4 **SEC. 1813. FOCUS OF PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Programs that receive assistance
6 under this subtitle may carry out activities that—

7 (1) meet an identifiable public need with spe-
8 cific emphasis on projects in support of energy con-
9 servation, infrastructure and transportation improve-
10 ment, and emergency operations, including—

11 (A) improving the energy efficiency of
12 housing for elderly and low-income people;

13 (B) building energy-efficient "green" hous-
14 ing for elderly and low-income people;

15 (C) environmental education and energy
16 conservation education for elementary and sec-
17 ondary school students and the public;

18 (D) reusing and recycling including
19 deconstruction;

20 (E) the repair, renovation, or rehabilitation
21 of an existing infrastructure facility including,
22 but not limited to, rail, mass transportation,
23 ports, inland navigation, schools and hospitals;

24 (F) transportation enhancements;

1 (G) recreational trails improvements, in-
2 cluding those that enable alternative means of
3 transportation and ensure safe use;
4 (H) transformation of military bases af-
5 fected by the Base Realignment and Closing
6 process (BRAC) to green the space;
7 (I) tree planting and reforestation;
8 (J) renewable resource enhancement; and
9 (K) assisting in emergency operations,
10 such as disaster prevention and relief; and
11 (2) provide opportunities for youth and young
12 adults, especially disadvantaged youth, to be trained
13 for careers related to the activities listed in para-
14 graph (1), including those that will be part of the
15 emerging field of "green collar" jobs.
16 (b) GOALS OF THE ENERGY CONSERVATION
17 CORPS.—The goals of the Energy Conservation Corps are
18 to—
19 (1) promote clean energy use and preserve, pro-
20 tect, and sustain the environment;
21 (2) provide young adults with opportunities to
22 become better citizens, students and workers
23 through meaningful service to their communities and
24 the nation;

1 (3) mobilize youth and young adults, especially
2 disadvantaged youth, to promote energy conservation
3 and mitigate threats to the environment; and
4 (4) provide a pathway to responsible adulthood
5 and productive, unsubsidized employment in the pri-
6 vate sector.

7 **SEC. 1814. TRAINING AND EDUCATION SERVICES.**

8 All applicants must describe how they intend to—
9 (1) assess the skills of Corpsmembers;
10 (2) provide life skills and work skills training;
11 (3) provide training and education;
12 (4) develop agreements for academic study
13 with—
14 (A) local education agencies;
15 (B) community colleges;
16 (C) 4-year colleges;
17 (D) area charter high schools and voca-
18 tional-technical schools; and
19 (E) community-based organizations;
20 (5) provide career and educational guidance;
21 and
22 (6) Recruit participants without high school di-
23 plomas.

1 **SEC. 1815. PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.**

2 In the consideration of applications the Corporation
3 shall give preference to programs that are discrete and—

4 (1) meet an identifiable public need;

5 (2) instill a work ethic and a sense of public
6 service in the participants;

7 (3) involve youth operating in crews or a team-
8 based structure; and

9 (4) enhance skills development and educational
10 level and opportunities for the participants.

11 **SEC. 1816. PARTICIPANTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Age enrollment in programs that
13 receive assistance under this subtitle shall be limited to
14 individuals who, at the time of enrollment, are not less
15 than 18 years nor more than 25 years of age, except that
16 summer programs may include individuals not less than
17 14 years or more than 21 years of age at the time of the
18 enrollment of such individuals.

19 (b) PARTICIPATION OF DISADVANTAGED YOUTH.—
20 Programs that receive assistance under this subtitle shall
21 ensure that at least 50 percent of the participants are eco-
22 nomically disadvantaged youth.

23 (c) SPECIAL CORPSMEMBERS.—Notwithstanding
24 subsection (a) of this section, program agencies may enroll
25 a limited number of special Corpsmembers over age 25

1 so that the Energy Conservation Corps may draw on their
2 special skills to fulfill the purposes of this chapter.

3 **SEC. 1817. USE OF VOLUNTEERS.**

4 The use of volunteer services under this section shall
5 be subject to the condition that such use does not result
6 in the displacement of any participant.

7 **SEC. 1818. COOPERATION AMONG STATES FOR EMERGENCY**
8 **RESPONSE.**

9 (a) AGREEMENTS BETWEEN STATES.—States oper-
10 ating an Energy Conservation Corps may enter into a
11 compact with participating states to provide for mutual
12 cooperation to manage any emergency or disaster that is
13 duly declared by the affected state.

14 (b) PARTICIPATING STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.—

15 (1) The authorized representative of a partici-
16 pating state may request assistance of another party
17 by contracting the authorized representative of that
18 state. The provisions of this agreement shall only
19 apply to requests for assistance made by and to au-
20 thorized representatives.

21 (2) There shall be frequent consultation be-
22 tween state officials who have assigned emergency
23 management responsibilities and other appropriate
24 representatives of the party states with affected ju-
25 risdictions and the United States Government, with

1 free exchange of information, plans, and resource
2 records relating to emergency capabilities.

3 **SEC. 1819. FEDERAL SHARE.**

4 The federal share of the cost of carrying out an En-
5 ergy Conservation Corps program for which a grant is
6 made under this subtitle is 76 percent of the total cost
7 of the program.

8 **SEC. 1820. BEST PRACTICES.**

9 (a) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The
10 Corporation shall provide technical assistance to grantees
11 that request assistance and shall disseminate best prac-
12 tices that emerge from the Energy Conservation Corps.
13 (b) CONTRACT.—(b) In providing training and tech-
14 nical assistance, the Corporation shall contract with a na-
15 tional organization with a proven track record of devel-
16 oping and sustaining Corps, working with the Conserva-
17 tion Corps model, and engaging young people from dis-
18 advantaged backgrounds.

19 **SEC. 1820A. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
21 priated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years
22 2008 through 2010 to achieve the purposes of this sub-
23 title.
24 (b) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts appropriated to
25 carry out this subtitle for each fiscal year—

1 (1) 90 percent shall be for grants to eligible en-
2 tities;
3 (2) 5 percent shall be technical assistance, and
4 dissemination of best practices; and
5 (3) 5 percent shall be for evaluation.

6 **SEC. 1820B. LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—To promote Learn and Serve pro-
8 grams that have the potential to reach every student in
9 our public education network and private schools through
10 school-based green service-learning, the Corporation shall
11 establish a competitive grant program for the creation or
12 expansion of such service learning programs.
13 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
14 under this section, a State Education Agency, Local edu-
15 cation Agency, or nonprofit organization shall submit an
16 application with such information and in such time as the
17 Corporation may require.
18 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For this
19 purpose, there are authorized to be appropriated
20 $10,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and such sums as may
21 be necessary thereafter.

22 **SEC. 1820C. NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—To promote National Senior Serv-
24 ice Corps programs that have the potential to both involve
25 seniors in providing meaningful volunteer opportunities

1 the Corporation shall establish a competitive grant pro-
2 gram for the creation or expansion of National Senior
3 Service Corps programs that—
4 (1) make effective use of the talents and experi-
5 ence of seniors, particularly baby boomers, in pro-
6 grams and projects involving seniors in the improve-
7 ment of the energy efficiency of housing for elderly
8 and low-income people;
9 (2) building or helping to supervise energy-effi-
10 cient "green" housing for elderly and low-income
11 people; the repair, renovation, or rehabilitation of an
12 existing infrastructure facility including, but not lim-
13 ited to, rail, mass transportation, ports, inland navi-
14 gation, schools and hospitals; transportation en-
15 hancements; recreational trails improvements, in-
16 cluding those that enable alternative means of trans-
17 portation and ensure safe use;
18 (3) volunteering in schools to teach or other
19 support environmental education and energy con-
20 servation education for elementary and secondary
21 school students and the public; and
22 (4) assisting in such other activities as the Na-
23 tional Senior Service Corps may identify.
24 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
25 under this section, a program in the National Senior Serv-

1 ice Corps shall submit an application with such informa-
2 tion and in such time as the Corporation may require.
3 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—For this purpose, there is au-
4 thorized to be appropriated $10,000,000 for fiscal year
5 2009 and such sums as may be necessary thereafter.