

House Bill 493 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 11 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Georgia Youth Conservation Corps, so as to change certain provisions relating to creation  
3 and purposes of the corps and rules and regulations related thereto; to change certain  
4 provisions relating to the director and administration of corps programs; to change provisions  
5 relating to enrollment of members; to change certain provisions relating to location of and  
6 contracts for projects and prohibited uses of corps members; to provide an effective date; to  
7 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 11 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia  
11 Youth Conservation Corps, is amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 12-11-4, relating  
12 to creation and purposes of the corps and rules and regulations related thereto, by adding a  
13 new paragraph to read as follows:

14 "(8.1) Assist in residential home improvement weatherization projects having the  
15 purpose of reducing energy consumption for home heating and cooling, to the extent  
16 authorized by subsection (a.1) of Code Section 12-11-8."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 12-11-5, relating to the director and  
19 administration of corps programs, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

20 "(c) The commissioner shall have the authority to contract with the Georgia Environmental  
21 Facilities Authority and the Department of Labor for purposes of management and  
22 installation of energy saving material or devices or other projects under this chapter. The  
23 commissioner, the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority, and the Department of  
24 Labor are encouraged to use the corps for such purposes."

25 **SECTION 2A.**

26 Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(2)(C) of Code Section 12-11-7,  
27 relating to enrollment of members, as follows:

28 "(C) Compliance is achieved with applicable federal and state labor laws and education  
29 laws, ~~provided that Chapter 2 of Title 39 shall not be applicable.~~"

30 **SECTION 3.**

31 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 12-11-8, relating to location of and contracts  
32 for projects and prohibited uses of corps members, by adding a new subsection to read as  
33 follows:

34 "(a.1) Corps projects may take place on private residential property for purposes of  
35 paragraph (8.1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 12-11-4 but only to the extent that  
36 federal funds are available for such purposes. No public funds other than federal funds  
37 made available to the state shall be expended on such corps projects on private residential  
38 property."

39 **SECTION 4.**

40 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
41 without such approval.

42 **SECTION 5.**

43 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.