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Report on National Service Legislation



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Introduction

Each state has its own unique way of addressing national service. Though many programs may seem to be similar at first glance, further analysis proves that each example utilizes a different strategy to create a successful program. Compiled here are several examples from various state programs concerning financing and taxes, national criminal history background checks and corps variations, all in relation to national and community service.

This report is intended to be used as a database for those who are hoping to find relevant examples of legislation concerning national service in various states. These examples can inspire those who are attempting to address national service through legislative action in their own state or it can simply be used as a way to highlight successful national service programs across the country. Either way, I hope that this information can provide insight and assistive.

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Financing and Taxes

Alaska

A.S. 14.43.120(k) (6)

Sec. 14.43.120. Conditions of loans. (Student Loans)

(k) A borrower's obligation to make periodic payments of principal shall be deferred, but the borrower's obligation to pay interest shall continue, unless the state pays the interest by appropriation under (t) of this section, during any of the following periods:

(6) Serving, for up to two years, as a full-time volunteer under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 (AmeriCorps); And Administrative Order 259 for Serve Alaska

California

SB 1207 California Voluntary Contribution Program.

Under existing law, individuals are allowed to contribute amounts in excess of their tax liability for the support of specified funds. Existing law provides for various voluntary contribution check-off funds to be listed on the personal income tax return.

This bill would modify the existing voluntary check-off system by establishing the California Voluntary Contribution Program to be administered by the office of California Volunteers to expand the contribution options for a taxpayer. The bill would provide that the purpose of the program is to promote charitable giving and collect through the personal income tax return individual taxpayers' voluntary contributions either to specified charities in a pool of up to 200 qualified applicants, defined to include any charitable organization meeting certain requirements or a state or local agency, or to make a general charitable gift by donating to the Charitable Giving Fund. Not later than January 1, 2017, the bill would require the office to, among other things, develop the application to participate in the program and establish application and renewal fees. The bill would authorize the office to adopt specified policies and guidelines to regulate the number of qualified applicants participating in the program. The bill would authorize the office to adopt regulations necessary to carry out these provisions and would make these regulations subject to the Administrative Procedure Act. The bill would require the Franchise Tax Board to revise the personal income tax form in a manner necessary to inform an individual about how to make designations to qualified applicants or to the Charitable Giving Fund.

Full Document (SB 1207):

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140SB1207&search_keywords

Iowa

701—40.74(422) Exclusion for AmeriCorps Segal Education Award.

Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxpayer may exclude from Iowa individual income tax any amount of AmeriCorps Segal Education Award to the extent the education award was reported as income on the federal income tax return. The AmeriCorps

Segal Education Award is available to individuals who complete a year of service in the AmeriCorps program. The education award can be used to pay education costs at institutions of higher learning, for educational training, or to repay qualified student loans.

Additional Information:

<https://docs.google.com/a/state.co.us/file/d/0BycyBG-cHbMHWmZvTWILVWdWSEFITFFNbnlET3NZUy1TeUZz/edit>

Minnesota

256J.21 INCOME LIMITATIONS.

Subdivision 1. Income inclusions.

To determine MFIP eligibility, the county agency must evaluate income received by members of an assistance unit, or by other persons whose income is considered available to the assistance unit, and only count income that is available to the member of the assistance unit. Income is available if the individual has legal access to the income. All payments, unless specifically excluded in subdivision 2, must be counted as income. The county agency shall verify the income of all MFIP recipients and applicants.

Subdivision 2. Income exclusions.

The following must be excluded in determining a family's available income:

(47) cash payments to individuals enrolled for full-time service as a volunteer under AmeriCorps programs including AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps State, AmeriCorps National, and AmeriCorps NCCC; and

Full Document:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=256J.21>

144.9512 LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. Definitions.

- (a) The definitions in section [144.9501](#) and in this subdivision apply to this section.
- (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

Subdivision 2. Grants; administration.

Within the limits of the available appropriation, the commissioner shall make grants to nonprofit organizations to train workers to provide lead screening, education, outreach, and swab team services for residential property. Projects that provide AmeriCorps funding or positions, or leverage matching funds, as part of the delivery of the services must be given priority for the grant funds.

Subdivision 19b. Subtractions from federal taxable income.

For individuals, estates, and trusts, there shall be subtracted from federal taxable income:

(15) to the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount of national service educational awards received from the National Service Trust under United States Code, title 42, sections 12601 to 12604, for service in an approved AmeriCorps National Service program;

Full Document:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=144.9512>

124D.39 SERVEMINNESOTA INNOVATION PROGRAM.

The ServeMinnesota Innovation program is established to provide funding for the commission to leverage federal and private funding to fulfill the purposes of section [124D.37](#). The ServeMinnesota Innovation program must supplement existing programs and services. The program must not displace existing programs and services, existing funding of programs or services, or existing employment and employment opportunities. No eligible organization may terminate, layoff, or reduce the hours of work of an employee to place or hire a program participant. No eligible organization may place or hire an individual for a project if an employee is on layoff from the same or a substantially equivalent position.

Full Document:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=124D.39#stat.124D.39>

124D.40 SERVEMINNESOTA INNOVATION GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. Application.

An eligible organization interested in receiving a grant under sections [124D.39](#) to [124D.44](#) may prepare and submit an application to the commission. As part of the grant application process, the commission must establish and publish grant application guidelines that are consistent with this subdivision, section [124D.37](#), and Public Law 111-13; include criteria for reviewing an applicant's cost-benefit analysis; and require grantees to use research-based measures of program outcomes to generate valid and reliable data that are available to the commission for evaluation and public reporting purposes.

Subd. 2. Grant authority.

The commission must use any state appropriation and any available federal funds, including any grant received under federal law, to award grants to establish programs for ServeMinnesota Innovation. At least one grant each must be available for a metropolitan proposal, a rural proposal, and a statewide proposal. If a portion of the suburban metropolitan area is not included in the metropolitan grant proposal, the statewide grant proposal must incorporate at least one suburban metropolitan area. In awarding grants, the commission may select at least one residential proposal and one nonresidential proposal.

Full Document:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=124D.40>

National Criminal History Background Checks

Oregon

Volunteer Background Check Legislation

Full Document:

<https://docs.google.com/a/state.co.us/file/d/0BycyBG-cHbMHZEcwM1A4S2Mwa2FtNW1LWFBkNUMyR29NaWtN/edit>

South Carolina

Section 23-3-47. A person seeking a covered position, as defined in 45 C.F.R. 2540, or who otherwise volunteers or serves in a position supported, sponsored, or administered by the South Carolina Commission on National and Community Service (commission), must undergo a state criminal history background check, supported by fingerprints by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), and a national criminal history background check, supported by fingerprints by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), unless the commission determines that the background check requirement for that person has been satisfied through another process. The results of these criminal history background checks must be reported to the commission. SLED is authorized to retain the fingerprints for certification purposes and for notification of the commission regarding criminal charges. The cost of the state criminal history background check may not exceed eight dollars and must be paid by the commission upon application for the state check. The cost of the national criminal history background check is established by the FBI and must be paid by the commission upon application for the national check."

Full Document:

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/prever/817_20140507.htm

Corps Variations

California

AB 2328. California AmeriCorps SECTION 1.

8400. (a) California AmeriCorps is hereby established to be administered by CaliforniaVolunteers, as established by Executive Order S-24-06. California AmeriCorps shall operate under the existing federal AmeriCorps program guidelines.

(b) California AmeriCorps members shall be determined through an application process. Eligibility will be based on the existing qualifications required for AmeriCorps members and all of the following:

- (1) The applicant shall have an associate or a baccalaureate degree.
- (2) The applicant shall provide proof of incurred student loan debt.
- (3) The applicant shall be 21 years of age or older.
- (4) The applicant shall provide proof of two or more years of continuous California residency.

(c) A city, county, or special district may apply individually, in partnership with a nonprofit entity, or with a city, county, or special district to CaliforniaVolunteers, through a competitive request for proposal process, to host one or more California AmeriCorps members. The purpose of California AmeriCorps is to assist local governments in implementing priorities detailed in the request for proposal.

(d) CaliforniaVolunteers is authorized to solicit and accept private funding to help supplement the costs of California AmeriCorps. These private funding sources may include, but are not limited to, foundations, corporate funding, crowd funding, donation drives, or any other sources of private investment that may be available.

Full Document (AB 2328):

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB2328&search_keywords

Iowa

84A.7 Iowa conservation corps.

2. *Iowa conservation corps established.* The Iowa conservation corps is established in this state to provide meaningful and productive public service jobs for youth, unemployed persons, persons with disabilities, disadvantaged persons, and elderly persons, and to provide participants with an opportunity to explore careers, gain work experience, and contribute to the general welfare of their communities and the state. The corps shall provide opportunities in the areas of natural resource and wildlife conservation, park maintenance and restoration, land management, energy savings, community improvement projects, tourism, economic development, and work benefiting human services programs. The department of workforce development shall administer the corps and shall adopt rules governing its operation, eligibility for participation, cash contributions, and implementation of an incentive program.

3. *Funding.* Corps projects shall be funded by appropriations to the Iowa conservation corps account and by cash, services, and material contributions made by other state agencies or local public and private agencies. Public and private entities who benefit from a corps project shall contribute at least thirty-five percent of the total project budgets. The contributions may be in the form of cash, materials, or services. Materials and services shall be intended for the project and acceptable to the department of workforce development. Minimum levels of contributions shall be prescribed in rules adopted by the department of workforce development.

4. *Account created.* The Iowa conservation corps account is established within and administered by the department of workforce development. The account shall include all appropriations made to programs administered by the corps, and may also include moneys contributed by a private individual or organization, or a public entity for the purpose of implementing corps programs and projects. The department of workforce development may establish an escrow account within the department and obligate moneys within that escrow account for tuition payments to be made beyond the term of any fiscal year. Interest earned on moneys in the Iowa conservation corps account shall be credited to the account.

5. *Participant eligibility.* Notwithstanding any contrary provision of chapter 8A, subchapter IV, and chapter 96, a person employed through an Iowa conservation corps program shall be exempt from merit system requirements and shall not be eligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits.

Full Document:

<http://law.justia.com/codes/iowa/2014/title-iii/subtitle-2/chapter-84a/section-84a.7/>

15H.5 Iowa summer youth corps.

2. The Iowa summer youth corps program is established to provide meaningful summer enrichment programming to Iowa youth. The program shall be administered by the Iowa commission on volunteer service using a competitive grant process to implement projects in accordance with program requirements. The commission shall adopt administrative rules for the program, including but not limited to incentives, grant criteria, and grantee selection processes. A percentage of the grants shall be designated by the commission to address the needs of city enterprise zones that meet the distress criteria outlined in section 15E.194.
3. The program shall provide grants for projects that utilize a service-learning approach during the summer months to enhance student achievement and summer learning retention, teach meaningful job skills to Iowa youth, engage Iowa youth in their communities, provide positive youth development experiences, and address the needs of youth from families with low income. The service-learning approach shall be integrated into the program using science, technology, engineering, mathematics, social studies, civic literacy, or other appropriate curricula identified by the department of education.
4. The program shall involve the youth participating in the program in service-learning activities with one or more of the following focuses:
 - a. Energy conservation in the youth's community, including conducting educational outreach on energy conservation and working to improve energy efficiency in low-income housing and public spaces.
 - b. Emergency and disaster preparedness.
 - c. Improving access to and obtaining the benefits from providing computers and other emerging technologies in underserved and other appropriate areas of counties and cities, including but not limited to low-income communities, senior centers and communities, schools, libraries, and other public settings.
 - d. Mentoring of middle school youth while involving all participants in service-learning to address unmet human, educational, environmental, public safety, or emergency disaster preparedness needs in the participants' community.
 - e. Establishing or implementing summer of service projects during the summer months. Budgeting for a summer of service project shall include the cost of recruitment, training, and placement of service-learning coordinators. A summer of service project shall comply with all of the following requirements:
 - (1) Youth participating in a project will be enrolled in grades six through twelve in the school year which begins immediately following the end of a project.
 - (2) The focus of each project shall be community-based, service-learning activities that address unmet human, educational, environmental, emergency and disaster preparedness, and public service needs. Environmental needs addressed may include energy conservation, water quality, and land stewardship.

(3) The activities for each project shall be intensive, structured, supervised, and designed to produce identifiable improvements to the community. The activities may include the extension of school year service-learning programs into the summer months.

5. a. Funding for the Iowa summer youth corps program and the Iowa green corps program established pursuant to section 15H.6 shall be obtained from private sector, and local, state, and federal government sources, or from other available funds credited to the community programs account, which shall be created within the economic development authority under the authority of the commission. Moneys available in the account for a fiscal year are appropriated to the commission to be used for the programs.

More Information:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/chapter/03-19-2014.817.9.pdf>

15H.6 Iowa Green Corps Program.

1. The Iowa commission on volunteer service, in collaboration with the department of natural resources, the department of workforce development, and the utilities board of the department of commerce, shall establish an Iowa green corps program. The commission shall work with the collaborating agencies and nonprofit agencies in developing a strategy for attracting additional financial resources for the program from other sources which may include but are not limited to utilities, private sector, and local, state, and federal government funding sources. The financial resources received shall be credited to the community programs account created pursuant to section 15H.5.

2. The program shall utilize AmeriCorps or Iowa summer youth corps program volunteers to provide capacity building activities, training, and implementation of major transformative projects in communities. The project selection shall emphasize energy efficiency, historic preservation, neighborhood development, and storm water reduction and management.

3. The capacity building activities shall be targeted in communities that are already working with existing community improvement programs, including but not limited to the Iowa great places program established under section 303.3C, the green streets and main street Iowa programs administered by the economic development authority, and disaster remediation activities by communities located within an area declared to be a disaster area in a declaration issued by the president of the United States or the governor.

More Information:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/chapter/03-19-2014.817.10.pdf>

Massachusetts

Chapter 192. An Act Establishing the Commonwealth Corps

SECTION 6.

(a) There shall be a commonwealth service corps to be composed of a limited number of carefully selected men and women of all ages to be made available for a limited time for projects directed toward satisfying unmet community needs. The corps shall be governed by a commission consisting of the commissioner of education and 14 members to be appointed by the

governor.

SECTION 7.

(a) Corps members shall be residents of the commonwealth who are at least 18 years of age. Members shall be the responsibility of the corps sponsors with support from the agency. Corps members shall undertake meaningful service projects addressing unmet community needs in areas including, but not limited to, the environment, education, health and basic human services and may serve full or part-time; but, members having direct contact with minor children or vulnerable adults shall be required to pass a background check.

SECTION 9.

(a) The commission, with the advice of the public higher education institutions, shall establish through the agency a pilot commonwealth student corps program to expand opportunities for students of environmental, educational, public health, and public safety professions to participate in public service projects that help meet unmet community needs. The program shall be designed to expand and coordinate public and private resources that promote community service by connecting supervised students with professionals in service projects that are consistent with students' areas of studies.

(d) The purpose and goals of the curriculum-based pilot commonwealth student corps shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Increasing opportunities for students in the commonwealth to participate in real-world applied learning through curriculum-based service activities;
- (2) Helping address the commonwealth's community needs;
- (3) Strengthening communities through service;
- (4) Enhancing the ethic of service; and
- (5) Providing students academic credit for participation in community service-learning projects.

SECTION 10.

(a) There shall be a community service-learning advisory council. The council shall consist of no more than 30 members to be appointed by the commission.

(b) The duties of the council shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Coordinating with other private and public entities including the agency, the Massachusetts department of education, and the Massachusetts board of higher education to promote the development and advancement of service learning opportunities for students in the commonwealth;

(2) Conducting studies of projects to be approved by the agency;

(3) Delivering regular reports on the progress of the commonwealth student corps program to the governor and general court;

(4) Applying to private sources and the federal government for grants to implement studies and fund accredited service projects; but, the council shall deposit funds received from said grants in a separate account at the department of each participating state college or university;

(5) Entering into agreements with other entities as allowed by law for the purposes of implementing this act;

(6) Studying the feasibility of utilizing the services of retired professionals and other licensed and certified professionals; and

(7) Disseminating information identifying best practices related to service learning programs and policies to educational institutions in the commonwealth.

Full Document:

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2007/Chapter192>

Minnesota

124D.42 READING AND MATH CORPS.

Subdivision 8. Minnesota reading corps program.

(a) A Minnesota reading corps program is established to provide ServeMinnesota AmeriCorps members with a data-based problem-solving model of literacy instruction to use in helping to train local Head Start program providers, other prekindergarten program providers, and staff in schools with students in kindergarten through grade 3 to evaluate and teach early literacy skills, including comprehensive, scientifically based reading instruction under section [122A.06, subdivision 4](#), to children age 3 to grade 3.

(b) Literacy programs under this subdivision must comply with the provisions governing literacy program goals and data use under section [119A.50, subdivision 3](#), paragraph (b).

(c) The commission must submit a biennial report to the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education that records and evaluates program data to determine the efficacy of the programs under this subdivision.

Subdivision 9. Minnesota math corps program.

(a) A Minnesota math corps program is established to give ServeMinnesota AmeriCorps members a data-based problem-solving model of mathematics instruction useful for providing elementary and middle school students and their teachers with instructional support to meet state academic standards in mathematics.

(b) The commission must submit a biennial report to the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education that records and evaluates program data to determine the efficacy of the programs under this subdivision.

More Information:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=124D.42>

A strategic initiative of ServeMinnesota, the Minnesota Reading and Math Corps also are authorized by state statute and receive state funding.

84.992 MINNESOTA NATURALIST CORPS.

Subdivision 2. Program.

The commissioner of natural resources shall develop a program for the Minnesota Naturalist Corps that supports state parks in providing interpretation of the natural and cultural features of state parks in order to enhance visitors' awareness, understanding, and appreciation of those features and encourages the wise and sustainable use of the environment.

Subdivision 3. Training and mentoring.

The commissioner must develop and implement a training program that adequately prepares Minnesota Naturalist Corps members for the tasks assigned. Each corps member shall be assigned a state park naturalist as a mentor.

Subdivision 5. Eligibility.

A person is eligible to enroll in the Minnesota Naturalist Corps if the person:

- (1) is a permanent resident of the state;
- (2) Is a participant in an approved college internship program or has a postsecondary degree in a natural resource or conservation related field; and
- (3) Has completed at least one year of postsecondary education.

Subdivision 6. Corps member status.

Minnesota Naturalist Corps members are not eligible for unemployment benefits if their services are excluded under section [268.035](#), subdivision 20, and are not eligible for other benefits except workers' compensation. The corps members are not employees of the state within the meaning of section [43A.02](#), subdivision 21.

Subdivision 7. Employee displacement.

The commissioner must certify that the assignment of Minnesota Naturalist Corps members will not result in the displacement of currently employed workers or workers on seasonal layoff or layoff from a substantially equivalent position, including partial displacement such as reduction in hours of non-overtime work, wages, or other employment benefits. The department may not terminate, lay off, reduce the seasonal hours of, or reduce the working hours of any employee for the purpose of using a corps member with available funds.

Full Document:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84.992>

84.991 CONSERVATION CORPS MINNESOTA.

Subdivision 2. Staff; corps members.

(a) Staff employed by Conservation Corps Minnesota are not state employees, but, at the option of the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation and at the expense of the corporation or its staff, employees who are in the employ of the Minnesota Conservation Corps on or before June 30, 2003, may continue to participate in state retirement and deferred compensation that apply to state employees.

(b) Employment as a Conservation Corps Minnesota member is non-covered employment for purposes of eligibility for unemployment benefits under chapter 268.

(c) Conservation Corps Minnesota is authorized to continue to have staff and corps members participate in the state of Minnesota workers' compensation program through the Department of Natural Resources. Staff and corps members' claim and administrative costs must be allocated and set annually by the Department of Natural Resources in a manner that is consistent with how these costs are allocated across that agency's operations. The Friends of the Minnesota Conservation Corps shall establish and follow loss-control strategies that are consistent with loss-control activities of the Department of Natural Resources. In the event that the Friends of the Minnesota Conservation Corps becomes insolvent or cannot otherwise fund its claim and administrative costs, liability for these costs shall be assumed by the Department of Natural Resources.

(d) Conservation Corps Minnesota is a training and service program and exempt from Minnesota prevailing wage guidelines.

Subdivision 3. State and other agency collaboration.

The Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Public Safety, Transportation, and other appropriate state agencies must constructively collaborate with Conservation Corps Minnesota.

Subdivision 5. Limitations on Conservation Corps Minnesota projects.

Each employing state or local agency must certify that the assignment of Conservation Corps Minnesota members will not result in the displacement of currently employed workers or workers on seasonal layoff, including partial displacement such as reduction in hours of non-overtime work, wages, or other employment benefits. Supervising agencies that participate in the program may not terminate, lay off, reduce the seasonal hours, or reduce the working hours of any employee for the purpose of using a corps member with available funds. The positions and job duties of corps members employed in projects shall be submitted to affected exclusive representatives prior to actual assignment.

Subdivision 6. Joint powers.

Section [471.59](#) relating to joint exercise of powers applies to Conservation Corps Minnesota.

Full Document:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84.991>

Washington

State Supported AmeriCorps Programs

Washington Service Corps (RCW 50.65)

Legislative Findings

(1) The unemployment rate in the state of Washington is the highest since the great depression, with a significantly higher rate among Washington youth.

(2) The policy of the state is to conserve and protect its natural and urban resources, scenic beauty, and historical and cultural sites.

(3) It is in the public interest to target employment projects to those activities which have the greatest benefit to the local economy.

(4) There are many unemployed young adults without hope or opportunities for entrance into the labor force who are unable to afford higher education and who create a serious strain on tax revenues in community services.

(5) The severe cutbacks in community and human services funding leave many local community service agencies without the resources to provide necessary services to those in need.

(6) The talent and energy of Washington's unemployed young adults are an untapped resource which should be challenged to meet the serious shortage in community services and promote and conserve the valuable resources of the state.

Therefore, the legislature finds it necessary and in the public interest to enact the Washington youth employment and conservation act. As part of this chapter, the Washington service corps is established as an operating program of the employment security department. The legislature desires to facilitate the potential of youth to obtain available job opportunities in both public and private agencies.

Full Document:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=50.65&full=true>

Washington Conservation Corps (RCW 43.220)

Project Goals

(1) The corps shall be organized and managed to complete projects with fee-for-service work crews that meet goals associated with the protection, promotion, enhancement, or rehabilitation of the following:

- (a) Public lands;
- (b) State natural resources;
- (c) Water quality;
- (d) Watershed health;
- (e) Fish and wildlife;
- (f) Habitat;
- (g) Outdoor recreation;

- (h) Forest health;
- (i) Wildfire risk reduction; and
- (j) State historic sites.

(2) In addition to the project goals outlined in subsection (1) of this section, the Puget Sound corps shall seek to deploy corps members with the specific goal of participating in the recovery of the Puget Sound ecosystem. The resources of the Puget Sound corps must be prioritized, when practicable, to focus on the following when located within the Puget Sound basin:

- (a) Projects identified in, or consistent with, the action agenda developed by the Puget Sound partnership in chapter [90.71](#) RCW;
- (b) Projects located on public lands;
- (c) Habitat enhancement and rehabilitation projects; and
- (d) Education and stewardship projects.

(3) Both the corps and the Puget Sound corps shall give preference to projects that satisfy the goals identified in this section and that:

- (a) Will provide long-term benefits to the public;
- (b) Will provide productive training and work experiences to the corps members involved;
- (c) Expands or integrates training programs or career development opportunities for corps members;
- (d) May result in payments to the state for services performed; and
- (e) Can be promptly completed.

Full Document:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=43.220&full=true>

Washington Veterans Corps

Washington Veterans Corps Created

(1) The Washington veterans conservation corps is created. The department shall establish enrollment procedures for the program. Enrollees may choose to participate in either or both the volunteer projects list authorized in subsection (2) of this section, and the training, certification, and placement program authorized in RCW [43.60A.151](#).

(2) The department shall create a list of veterans who are interested in working on projects that restore Washington's natural habitat. The department shall promote the opportunity to volunteer for the veteran's conservation corps through its local counselors and representatives. Only veterans who grant their approval may be included on the list. The department shall consult with the salmon recovery board, the recreation and conservation funding board, the department of natural resources, the department of fish and wildlife, and the state parks and recreation commission to determine the most effective ways to market the veteran's conservation corps to agencies and local sponsors of habitat restoration projects.

Full Document:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=43.60A.150>

National and Community Service

District of Columbia

Re-Establishment of the District of Columbia Commission for National and Community Service

Full Document:

<https://docs.google.com/a/state.co.us/file/d/0BycyBG-cHbMHdThrb3ZWZE9ZZm8/edit>

Illinois

SR 1002. Senate Resolution on Volunteerism.

Declares an interest in strengthening the infrastructure of volunteerism in the State, instructs that a Senate Forum be held on volunteerism, and designates 2015 as a Year of Service and Engagement.

Full Document:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=1002&GAID=12&GA=98&DocTypeID=SR&LegID=81520&SessionID=85>

HR 1093. House Resolution on Food Security.

Urges the Governor to design and execute a strategy to align the unique expertise and functions of 6 State entities - the Illinois Commission to End Hunger, the Illinois Commission on the Eradication of Poverty, the Illinois Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council, the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, the Illinois Task Force of Social Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Enterprise, and the Illinois Business Development Council - in an ongoing program to embolden and empower communities to advance low-cost and high-return strategies to help end hunger and poverty.

Full Document:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=1093&GAID=12&DocTypeID=HR&SessionID=85&GA=98>

SR 1002- Volunteerism Status

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Full Document:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/98/SR/PDF/09800SR1002lv.pdf>

Massachusetts

AN ACT TO CREATE AN ANNUAL SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM DAY

Section 15SSSSS. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the second Thursday in April, or such other Thursday if in conjunction with a federally recognized National

Volunteer Week, as Massachusetts Service and Volunteerism Day, to honor and recognize the important contributions made by corps members and volunteers in the commonwealth, and recommending that it be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.

More Information:

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2014/Chapter84>

Minnesota

124D.385 MINNESOTA COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Subdivision 4. Delegation to nonprofit.

The commission may create a private nonprofit corporation that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986. If the commission creates a private nonprofit corporation, the commission must serve as the corporation's board of directors. The private nonprofit corporation is not subject to laws governing state agencies or political subdivisions, except the provisions of chapter 13, the Open Meeting Law under chapter 13D, salary limits under section [15A.0815, subdivision 2](#), and audits by the legislative auditor under chapter 3 apply. Further provided that the board of directors and the executive director of the nonprofit corporation are each considered an "official" for purposes of section [10A.071](#). The commission may delegate any or all of its powers and duties under federal law or under sections [124D.37](#) to [124D.45](#) to the corporation if the nonprofit corporation is approved under federal law to administer the National and Community Service Trust Act. The commission may revoke a delegation of powers and duties at any time, and must revoke the delegation if the corporation is no longer approved under federal law as the administrator in the state of Minnesota for the National and Community Service Trust Act.

(This allowed Minnesota to move the duties of the state commission to a non-profit 501c3 with a board appointed by the governor. The consequence was more flexibility to innovate and much greater private engagement in funding Minnesota's AmeriCorps programs.)

Full Document:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=124D.385>

Montana

Montana Community Service Act

Full Document

<http://serve.mt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/MCA-90-Chapter-14-Montana-Community-Service-Act.pdf>

Wisconsin

15.105 NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD.

(b) *Membership.* The national and community service board shall consist of the voting members described in par. (c) And the nonvoting members described in par. (d), appointed for 3-year terms.

(2) **DUTIES OF THE BOARD.** The board shall do all of the following:

(a) Prepare and update annually, through an open and public participation process, a plan for the provision of national service programs in this state that covers a 3-year period, that ensures outreach to diverse community-based organizations serving underrepresented populations and that contains such information as the corporation may require.

(b) Prepare applications for financial assistance from the corporation.

(c) Prepare applications for approval by the corporation of national service program positions that are eligible for national service educational awards under 42 USC 12601 and 12604.

(d) Make recommendations to the corporation concerning priorities for programs receiving federal domestic volunteer services assistance under 42 USC 4950 to 5091n.

(e) Provide technical assistance to persons applying for financial assistance from the corporation to enable those persons to plan and implement national service programs.

(f) Assist in providing health care and child care for participants in national service programs.

(g) Provide a system for the recruitment and placement of participants in national service programs and disseminate information to the public concerning national service programs and positions in national service programs.

(h) From the appropriations under s. 20.505 (4) (j) and (p), award grants to persons providing national service programs, giving priority to the greatest extent practicable to persons providing youth corps programs.

(i) Provide oversight and evaluation of the national service programs funded under par. (h).

(j) On request, provide projects, training methods, curriculum materials and other technical assistance to persons providing national service programs.

(k) Coordinate its activities with the activities of the corporation, the federal ACTION agency established under 42 USC 5041 and any state agency that administers federal financial assistance under 42 USC 9901 to 9912 or any other federal financial assistance program with which coordination would be appropriate.

(L) Perform such other duties as may be required by the corporation.

(3) **DELEGATION OF DUTIES.** The board may not directly provide a national service program. Subject to any limitations that the corporation may prescribe, the board may delegate any of the duties specified in sub. (2), other than policy-making duties, to another state agency, a public agency or a nonprofit organization.

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<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/16/1/22/2/i>

