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HOUSE BILL NO. 688

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

ENVIRONMENT/LITTERING: Correct statutory references for the litter program from the Department of Environmental Quality to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Chapter 20 of Subtitle II of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised States  
3 of 1950 comprised of R.S. 30:2501 through 2021, the heading of Part I of Chapter  
4 21 of Subtitle II of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S.  
5 30:2531(C)(4), R.S. 47:463.43(Section Heading), and R.S. 56:10(B)(15) and to  
6 repeal R.S. 30:2521 through 2530, 2537 through 2543, and 2546(D) and R.S.  
7 36:239(B)(6), relative to environmental education and litter reduction; to provide  
8 relative to the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Department of  
9 Wildlife and Fisheries relative to environmental education and litter reduction; and  
10 to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. Chapter 20 of Subtitle II of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised States of  
13 1950 comprised of R.S. 30:2501 through 2021, the heading of Part I of Chapter 21 of  
14 Subtitle II of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and R.S. 30:2531(C)(4) are  
15 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16 CHAPTER 20. LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND LITTER  
17 REDUCTION ACT

18 §2501. Title

19 This Chapter may be cited as the "Louisiana Environmental Education and  
20 Litter Reduction Act".

1 §2502. Legislative findings

2 A. It is in the public interest that a comprehensive and balanced  
3 environmental education initiative be undertaken that will result in environmentally  
4 literate citizens who will effectively and constructively solve existing environmental  
5 problems, prevent new ones, and maintain a sustainable environment for future  
6 generations. The appropriate audiences for environmental education include formal  
7 education, business, government, nonprofit organizations, and citizens.

8 B. Characteristics of an environmentally literate citizenry must include:

9 (1) An understanding of the right of every person to own, control, use, enjoy,  
10 and dispose of private property, subject only to reasonable regulation.

11 (2) An understanding that the Louisiana Constitution requires the use of a  
12 balancing process in environmental protection decisions in which environmental  
13 costs and benefits must be given full and careful consideration along with economic,  
14 social, and other factors.

15 (3) Ecological literacy, including a basic understanding of ecological  
16 principles and concepts and their application, the cause and effect relationship  
17 between human health and the environment, and the economics of that relationship.

18 (4) Civic literacy, including a basic understanding of the decisionmaking  
19 processes of governments, business, and other social, political, and economic  
20 institutions impinging upon environmental issues.

21 (5) Mathematical, technological, and scientific literacy, including an  
22 understanding of the basic concepts of mathematics and science to evaluate  
23 environmental problems and make sound decisions regarding their resolution.

24 (6) Personal and social action skills, including developing and using skills  
25 such as problem solving, risk analysis, and integrating diverse perspectives to  
26 understand and contribute to decision-making processes.

27 (7) Attitudes, including the expression of care for other humans, present and  
28 future, and for other components of the environment. These attitudes also affect  
29 understanding of ecology and civic responsibility.

1 (8) Motivation for action, including the commitment to act for a healthy  
2 environment based on one's attitudes, knowledge, and skills.

3 C. The legislature declares that it is the intent of this Chapter to create a  
4 balanced statewide environmental education program for the purpose of identifying  
5 the needs and setting priorities for environmental education within the state.

6 §2503. Louisiana Environmental Education Commission; creation; membership;  
7 duties

8 A.(1) There is hereby created, within the Department of Wildlife and  
9 Fisheries, the Louisiana Environmental Education and Litter Reduction Commission,  
10 hereinafter referred to as the "commission".

11 (2) The commission shall consist of the secretary of the Department of  
12 Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee, the state superintendent of education or his  
13 designee, the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee,  
14 the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee, the secretary  
15 of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee, the commissioner of the  
16 Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee, the chancellor of the  
17 Louisiana State University Agricultural Center or his designee, the chancellor of  
18 Southern University Agricultural and Mechanical College or his designee, and the  
19 following members appointed by the governor:

20 (a) One member of the Board of Regents or his designee.

21 (b) Two members representing environmental advocacy organizations.

22 (c) Two members representing the industrial community.

23 (d) One member representing the small business community.

24 (e) One member representing local governments.

25 (f) One member of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

26 (g) One member who is a professional environmental scientist.

27 (h) Seven environmental educators, one from each congressional district and  
28 the remaining environmental educator or educators from the state at large, to be

1 recommended by the president of the Louisiana Environmental Educators  
2 Association.

3 (i) One member of the Louisiana Science Teachers' Association.

4 (j) The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or  
5 his designee.

6 B. The initial term of the members of the commission shall be staggered in  
7 one, two, or three-year increments. After the initial term, all future terms shall be for  
8 three years. Annually, in December of each year, the commission shall elect a  
9 chairman and vice chairman whose terms shall commence on the following January  
10 first and end on December thirty-first.

11 C. The commission shall:

12 (1) Develop, review, approve, and transmit a plan for environmental  
13 education to the governor, the legislature, and the public.

14 (2) Advise and assist the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and  
15 Fisheries, the governor, the legislature, the secretary of the Department of  
16 Environmental Quality, and other state agencies, including university extension  
17 services, conservation and environmental organizations, community action groups,  
18 and nature and environmental centers on policies and practices needed to provide  
19 environmental education.

20 (3) Serve as a forum for the discussion and study of problems that affect the  
21 environment and environmental education.

22 (4) Assist and obtain information from various sources to coordinate the  
23 environmental education programs of federal and state agencies.

24 ~~§2522.~~ §2504. Definitions

25 As used in this Part, the following words have the meanings ascribed to them  
26 unless the context requires otherwise:

27 (1) "Commission" means the Louisiana ~~Litter Reduction and Public Action~~  
28 Environmental Education and Litter Reduction Commission.

1           (2) "Department" means the Department of ~~Environmental Quality~~ Wildlife  
2           and Fisheries.

3           (3) "Dispose" means to throw, discard, place, deposit, discharge, burn, dump,  
4           drop, eject, or allow the escape of a substance.

5           (4) "Litter" means all waste material except as provided and defined in R.S.  
6           30:2173(2), including but not limited to disposable packages, containers, sand,  
7           gravel, rubbish, cans, bottles, refuse, garbage, trash, cigarettes, cigarette butts, cigars,  
8           cigarillos, cigar or cigarillo tips, debris, dead animals, furniture or appliances,  
9           automotive parts including but not limited to tires and engines, trailers, boats and  
10          boating accessories, tools and equipment, and building materials, roofing nails, or  
11          other discarded materials of any kind and description. While being used for or  
12          distributed in accordance with their intended uses, litter shall not include political  
13          pamphlets, handbills, religious tracts and newspapers, and other similar printed  
14          materials, the unsolicited distribution of which is protected by the Constitution of the  
15          United States or the Constitution of Louisiana. Litter shall not include agricultural  
16          products that are being transported from the harvest or collection site to a processing  
17          or market site if reasonable measures are taken to prevent the agricultural product  
18          from leaving the transporting vehicle. Litter shall also not include recyclable  
19          cardboard being transported in compressed bundles to processing facilities.  
20          "Agricultural product" as used in this definition means all crops, livestock, poultry,  
21          and forestry, and all aquacultural, floracultural, horticultural, silvicultural, and  
22          viticultural products.

23          (5) "Local governing authority" means the governing authority of the parish  
24          or the governing authority of the municipality in which the littering offense was  
25          committed.

26          (6) "Public or private property" means the right-of-way of any road or  
27          highway, levee, any body of water or watercourse or the shores or beaches thereof,  
28          any park, playground, building, refuge, or conservation or recreation area, and  
29          residential or farm properties, timberlands, or forests.

1 (7) "Section" means the environmental education and litter reduction ~~and~~  
2 ~~public-action~~ section located within and acting through the Department of  
3 ~~Environmental Quality~~ Wildlife and Fisheries

4 ~~§2524.~~ §2505. Donations and grants; Louisiana Litter Abatement Grant Program

5 A. The section is hereby authorized to accept, administer, and make use of  
6 federal, state, and any local and private appropriations, any public and private grants  
7 and donations, and, when it is deemed appropriate and feasible, to accept  
8 nonmonetary funding in the form of services or equipment for use in connection with  
9 any of the programs or purposes of this Part.

10 B.(1) The Louisiana Litter Abatement Grant Program is hereby created  
11 within the section for the purpose of supporting community-based litter abatement  
12 programs.

13 (2) Grants through the program shall be made available to local governments  
14 and nonprofit organizations. Funding through the grant program shall be subject to  
15 the availability of funds and shall be awarded on a comparative basis to be  
16 determined by the section.

17 (3) The monies awarded through the grants shall be used to further the  
18 administration and execution of the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Program. Allowable  
19 uses of grant funding shall include but not be limited to the following:

20 (a) Keep America Beautiful fees.

21 (b) Keep America Beautiful pre-certification training, education curriculums,  
22 and workshops.

23 (c) Law enforcement seminars.

24 (d) Litter surveys.

25 (e) Projects, services, activities, and operational costs of litter abatement  
26 programs.

27 (f) Materials and services for program development and training.

28 (g) Direct expenditures for materials that can facilitate litter reduction,  
29 recycling, waste reduction, reuse, and general solid waste management programs.

1 (h) Minimal advertising, public relations, and promotional materials  
2 necessary for publicity and promotion of program activities.

3 (i) Salary of the program coordinator and staff.

4 (4) Each successful applicant shall supplement grant funds with a  
5 twenty-five percent match from other sources. All matching funds must be available  
6 to the program after the date of the grant award, and funds spent prior to the grant  
7 award shall not be considered in fulfillment of the match requirement.

8 ~~(5) The department, in cooperation with the section, shall promulgate rules~~  
9 ~~and regulations to implement this Subsection which shall include but not be limited~~  
10 ~~to program submission and program administration requirements.~~

11 ~~§2525. Litter reduction and public action section;~~ §2506. Environmental Education  
12 and Litter Reduction Section; staff; powers and duties; cooperation; funding

13 A. There is hereby created, within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,  
14 office of wildlife, the environmental education and litter reduction section which  
15 shall, under the direction of its coordinator, assist the commission and perform  
16 responsibilities relative to education and litter control as provided for in this Chapter.  
17 Insofar as funds are appropriated, additional staff ~~shall be allowed~~ may be employed  
18 under the direction and control of the secretary and in accordance with policies of the  
19 department.

20 B. The section shall implement the provisions of this Part relative to  
21 environmental education, including the following:

22 (1) ~~To administer~~ Administer and implement environmental education  
23 programs on behalf of the commission.

24 (2) Review the status of and design plans for environmental education in the  
25 state regularly at the direction and with the assistance of the commission.

26 (3) ~~To implement~~ Implement, administer and evaluate a grants programs  
27 benefiting K-12 students, graduate researchers, professional development, and other  
28 initiatives supporting environmental education.

1           ~~(3)~~ (4) ~~To promote~~ Promote and aid in the establishment and assessment of  
2 elementary and secondary school environmental education programs through  
3 cooperation with the Department of Education and the Board of Elementary and  
4 Secondary Education.

5           ~~(4)~~ (5) ~~To promote~~ Promote and aid in the development of pre-service and  
6 in-service environmental education programs for environmental educators, formal  
7 and non-formal, through cooperation with the Board of Regents and the state's  
8 colleges and universities.

9           ~~(5)~~ (6) ~~To cooperate~~ Cooperate with state and federal agencies and the  
10 private sector in developing, promoting, conducting, and evaluating programs of  
11 environmental education.

12           ~~(6)~~ (7) ~~To function~~ Function as an environmental education clearinghouse  
13 by doing the following:

14           (a) Reviewing and recommending environmental education materials

15           (b) Establishing an electronic capacity to disseminate databases of  
16 environmental education information, formal and non-formal, and to network with  
17 interstate and federal programs.

18           (c) Cooperating with state and federal agencies and organizations in the  
19 development and distribution of an environmental education newsletter.

20           ~~(7)~~ (8) ~~To promote~~ Promote the development of cooperative environmental  
21 education initiatives with the private sector.

22           ~~(8)~~ (9) ~~To initiate~~ Initiate, develop, implement, assess, and market  
23 non-formal environmental education programs; facilitate, encourage, and support  
24 multi-school district cooperative efforts to determine the need for, develop, and  
25 assess environmental education curricula, promote state government and private  
26 sector policy that is consistent with the environmental education strategic plan  
27 ~~established~~; and coordinate non-formal environmental education with elementary,  
28 secondary, and postsecondary environmental education programs.

1           ~~(9)~~ (10) ~~To coordinate~~ Coordinate environmental education conferences to  
2 assist in the dissemination, development, and achievement of the state's  
3 environmental education goals.

4           ~~(10) C.~~ The section shall ~~perform and have~~ implement ~~responsibilities~~ the  
5 provisions of this Part relative to litter control awareness, including the following;  
6 ~~as provided for in sections 2522, 2524, 2525 beginning with C., 2530, 2537-2541,~~  
7 ~~2547, 2548~~

8           (1) Develop and implement publicity, educational, and motivational  
9 campaigns to build and sustain public awareness of litter and of the unacceptability  
10 of littering and to create a litterless ethic.

11           (2) Serve as the coordinating agency between various government and  
12 private organizations seeking to aid in litter control and reduction and recycling  
13 efforts.

14           (3) Assist local governments in the adoption and revision of ordinances  
15 aimed at litter control and reduction.

16           (4) Encourage, organize, and coordinate voluntary campaigns seeking to  
17 focus the attention of the public on programs to control and reduce litter and increase  
18 public awareness.

19           (5) Provide encouragement of and increased funds for litter cleanup and  
20 collection, litter prevention, and cleanup equipment.

21           (6) Promote litter abatement and control and encourage recycling.

22           (7) Promote public awareness and education.

23           (8) Assist local governments, industries, and other organizations which aid  
24 in anti-litter efforts.

25           (9) Cooperate with local governments to accomplish coordination of local  
26 anti-litter efforts.

27           (10) Encourage, organize, and coordinate voluntary local anti-litter  
28 campaigns seeking to focus the attention and participation of the public on the laws

1 of this state enacted to control and remove litter and to provide for the recycling of  
2 trash materials.

3 (11) Investigate the availability of and apply for funds from any private or  
4 public source to be used for the purposes of this Part.

5 (12) Exchange information directly with judges, district and municipal  
6 attorneys, Louisiana state police, and local law enforcement officers on enforcement  
7 mechanics and offer technical assistance.

8 (13) Award grants and provide financial assistance on a local level in  
9 accordance with rules adopted pursuant to this Part in order to achieve the purposes  
10 of this Part and award certificates of achievement for litter abatement.

11 (14) Investigate methods, and monitor effectiveness of this Part and of  
12 techniques in the control of litter and develop, encourage, and coordinate litter  
13 control within the state.

14 (15) Provide an annual report to the House Committee on Natural Resources  
15 and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources giving details  
16 regarding the success of the section's efforts to comply with the above duties or any  
17 other duties required of it by law.

18 (16) Approve and disburse financial assistance to any local government or  
19 nonprofit organization which, in written application, seeks such assistance to  
20 implement a local litter prevention or abatement program.

21 ~~§2529.~~ §2507. Removal of litter; responsibility

22 The duty to remove litter from receptacles placed at publicly-owned parks,  
23 beaches, campgrounds, trailer parks, roadside parks, and other property shall remain  
24 with those state and local agencies performing litter removal within their respective  
25 jurisdictions. The duty to remove litter from litter receptacles placed on private  
26 property which is used by the public shall remain with the owner.

27 ~~§2530.~~ §2508. Anti-litter campaign; industrial and civic cooperation requested

28 In order to aid in the statewide anti-litter campaign authorized by this Part,  
29 ~~the commission and the section shall~~ may solicit the assistance and active

1 cooperation of industry and private civic organizations which are active in anti-litter  
2 efforts with ~~the commission~~ and the section or a local government as approved under  
3 authority of this Part so that additional effect may be given to the campaign to  
4 eradicate litter within the state.

5 ~~§2537.~~ §2509. Adopt-a-beach program

6 In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it under R.S.  
7 30:2521, the section ~~shall~~ may develop a program to be known as "adopt-a-beach",  
8 whereby an industry or a private civic organization may adopt one mile of Louisiana  
9 beach for the sole purpose of controlling litter along that section of beach. Included  
10 in the responsibilities of any industry or private civic organization which chooses to  
11 participate in the program shall be the following:

12 (1) Development of a functional plan to influence and encourage the public  
13 to improve the appearance of the adopted section of beach.

14 (2) A general clean up of the area at least twice a year.

15 (3) Assistance to the section in securing media coverage for the program.

16 ~~§2538.~~ §2510. ~~Trash bash program~~ Community improvement program

17 In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it under R.S.  
18 30:2521, the section ~~shall develop~~ coordinate a community improvement program  
19 ~~known as "trash bash program"~~, whereby an annual ~~coordinated~~ cleanup ~~shall~~ may  
20 be conducted during the spring ~~Easter weekend~~ encouraging local groups to clean  
21 streets, alleys, public areas, adopted roads and beaches, and state and parish  
22 highways in surrounding areas. Beautification programs ~~shall~~ may be conducted  
23 along with the ~~trash bash program~~ clean up programs at schools, public buildings and  
24 grounds, median areas, entrances to subdivisions, commercial areas, and other  
25 similar areas. Graffiti removal and excess signage removal programs ~~shall~~ may be  
26 held simultaneously.

27 ~~§2539.~~ §2511. Beach sweep program

28 In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it ~~under R.S.~~  
29 ~~30:2521~~, the section shall ~~develop a program known as "~~ propose and encourage

1 beach sweep ~~program~~" programs whereby ~~an annual~~ coordinated ~~cleanup~~ shall  
 2 cleanups ~~may be conducted of on~~ the state's ~~seventy-six miles of~~ beaches. The beach  
 3 sweep program shall be conducted in September along with the other gulf states, and  
 4 shall may consist of removing debris and trash while conducting data collection to  
 5 ascertain sources of marine debris.

6 ~~§2540.~~ §2512. Inland water cleanup

7 In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it ~~under R.S.~~  
 8 ~~30:2521~~, the section shall ~~develop~~ a program known as "may promote and  
 9 encourage inland water ~~cleanup~~" cleanups whereby a waterway cleanup shall be  
 10 conducted annually by local groups to clean rivers, bayous, lakes, streams, and other  
 11 waterways encouraging beautification through ~~proper waste disposal and handling~~  
 12 ~~and placement of litter receptacles at parking lots and dock sites bordering waterway~~  
 13 ~~entrances and exits~~ removal of litter and debris.

14 ~~§2541.~~ §2513. Boaters' and fishermen's pledge

15 In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it ~~under R.S.~~  
 16 ~~30:2521~~, the section shall ~~develop~~ may promote and encourage a program known as  
 17 "boaters' and fishermen's pledge" whereby the program shall may be conducted  
 18 asking sportsmen to sign a commitment to bring trash and debris generated in their  
 19 vehicle or boat back home or to proper disposal receptacles.

20 ~~§2547.~~ §2514. Adopt-a-byway program

21 A. In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it ~~under~~  
 22 ~~R.S. 30:2521~~, the section shall ~~may develop~~ promote and encourage a program to be  
 23 known as "adopt-a-byway", whereby an organization which owns, uses, or leases  
 24 property adjacent to a parish maintained road may adopt a section of such road for  
 25 the sole purpose of controlling litter along that section. Included in the  
 26 responsibilities of any organization which chooses to participate in the program shall  
 27 may be the following:

- 28 (1) Development of a functional plan to influence and encourage the public
- 29 to improve the appearance of the adopted section of the road.

1 (2) A general cleanup of the area at least twice a year.

2 (3) Assistance to the section in securing media coverage for the program.

3 B. Any parish or municipality which develops an "adopt-a-byway" program  
4 shall coordinate the adoption of rules governing the program with the section.

5 C. Any parish or municipality which develops an "adopt-a-byway" program  
6 may use funds received from the collection of fines provided for under the provisions  
7 of R.S. 30:2532(A) to place a sign upon a portion of a road identifying the  
8 organization which has adopted such portion of the road.

9 ~~(R.S. 30:2548(C))~~ D. The Department of Transportation and Development  
10 may promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Section  
11 regarding the placement, construction, and maintenance of the signs provided for in  
12 this Section.

13 ~~§2548.~~ §2515. Adopt a Water Body program

14 A. In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it ~~under~~  
15 ~~R.S. 30:2521~~, the section ~~shall develop~~ may promote and encourage a program to be  
16 known as "Adopt a Water Body", whereby a business or a private civic organization  
17 may adopt a portion of a public bayou, stream, creek, river, or lake for the sole  
18 purpose of controlling litter. Included in the responsibilities of any business or  
19 private civic organization which chooses to participate in the program ~~shall be the~~  
20 following may be as follows:

21 (1) Development of a functional plan to influence and encourage the public  
22 to improve the appearance of the adopted portion of a public water body.

23 (2) A general cleanup of the area at least twice a year.

24 (3) Assistance to the section in securing media coverage for the program.

25 B. Any organization which adopts a portion of a public bayou, stream, creek,  
26 river, or lake may place a sign identifying the organization on an interstate highway  
27 or state highway within two hundred feet of the adopted water body upon approval  
28 of the Department of Transportation and Development. Such a sign may also be

1 placed on the bank of the adopted water body with the approval of the riparian  
2 landowner.

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4 CHAPTER 21. STATEWIDE BEAUTIFICATION

5 PART I. LOUISIANA LITTER ~~REDUCTION AND~~

6 ~~PUBLIC ACTION COMMISSION~~ VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

7 §2531. Intentional littering prohibited; criminal penalties; simple littering prohibited;  
8 civil penalties; special court costs

9 \* \* \*

10 C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall pay special court  
11 costs of one hundred dollars in lieu of other costs of court and the special court costs  
12 shall be disbursed as follows:

13 \* \* \*

14 (4) Twenty-five dollars shall be paid to the state treasury for credit to the  
15 ~~Keep Louisiana Beautiful Fund~~ Litter Abatement and Education Account.

16 \* \* \*

17 Section 2. R.S. 47:463.43(Section Heading) is hereby amended and reenacted to read  
18 as follows:

19 §463.43. Special license plates; environmental education ~~division~~ and litter  
20 reduction section

21 \* \* \*

22 Section 3. R.S. 56:10(B)(15) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

23 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;  
24 limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds; warrants;  
25 vouchers; surplus funds

26 \* \* \*

27 B.

28 \* \* \*

1           (15)(a) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
2 account known as the "litter abatement and education account" which shall consist  
3 of donations collected from the sale of the environmental education license plate  
4 provided for in R.S. 47:463.43; revenue received by the Conservation Fund from the  
5 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles as provided  
6 in R.S. 32:412; revenue received by the Conservation Fund from fines for violations  
7 of the provisions of Part I of Chapter 21 of Subtitle II of Title 30 as provided in R.S.  
8 30:2531 and 2532; funds from public or private donations and any other source  
9 which may specify deposit to this account; and any remaining balance in the  
10 Louisiana Environmental Education Fund as of August 15, 2011. The revenues shall  
11 be subject to the same requirements as provided for other revenues placed in the  
12 Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. ~~The funds in this account~~  
13 ~~shall be used solely for litter abatement and enforcement; public service~~  
14 ~~announcements; develop, review, approve, and implement a plan for statewide~~  
15 ~~environmental education; for the training of operators of vehicles regarding littering;~~  
16 ~~to finance local littering enforcement activities in order to promote public safety,~~  
17 ~~order, and general welfare by making the streets, roads, rivers, streams, bayous,~~  
18 ~~lakes, waterways, and highways of Louisiana clean, safe, and free of debris, litter,~~  
19 ~~and other material falling from or being thrown from vehicles; and to award grants~~  
20 ~~to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for the development, dissemination,~~  
21 ~~and assessment of such education programs.~~

22           **(b) The funds in this account shall be used solely for the following:**

23           **(i) To develop, review, approve, and implement a plan for statewide**  
24 **environmental education.**

25           **(ii) To provide for environmental education grant programs in the state.**

26           **(iii) To develop an environmental education curriculum framework.**

27           **(iv) To develop guidelines for incorporating environmental education into**  
28 **teacher education requirements.**

29           **(v) To develop environmental education teacher professional development.**

