

HOUSE BILL No. 4962

July 11, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Hickner, Sikkema, Brown, Bartnik, Webb, DeMars, Joe Young, Jr., Berman, Perry Bullard, London, Scott, Pitoniak, Gire, Hart, Niederstadt, Kosteva, Gubow and Johnson and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to create national guard army training site committees; to establish the powers and duties of the committees; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain departments and officers.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "national guard army training site committees act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Camp" means a Michigan national guard army training
5 site in this state.

6 (b) "Committee" means a national guard army training site
7 committee created in section 3.

8 (c) "Michigan national guard" means that term as defined in
9 section 105 of the Michigan military act, Act No. 150 of the

1 Public Acts of 1967, being section 32.505 of the Michigan
2 Compiled Laws.

3 (d) "Ombudsman" means a citizen ombudsman appointed pursuant
4 to section 8.

5 Sec. 3. There is created for each camp a national guard
6 army training site committee within the department of natural
7 resources.

8 Sec. 4. (1) Each committee shall consist of 7 voting mem-
9 bers and 6 nonvoting members. The 7 voting members shall be
10 appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the
11 senate and shall represent persons interested in the committee's
12 purpose, persons who have an acknowledged interest or expertise
13 in matters involving camp oversight and camp activities, and rep-
14 resentatives of each local governmental body having camp training
15 land within the camp's geographic boundaries. The 6 nonvoting
16 members shall be as follows:

17 (a) A forester, conservation officer, and wildlife biologist
18 from the department of natural resources selected by the director
19 of the department of natural resources.

20 (b) The camp commander, his or her training officer, and his
21 or her resident environmentalist.

22 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, commit-
23 tee members shall serve for 3-year terms. Of the members first
24 appointed by the governor, 2 shall serve for a 1-year term, 2
25 shall serve for a 2-year term, and 3 shall serve for a 3-year
26 term.

1 (3) Vacancies in the committee's membership shall be filled
2 in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired
3 term.

4 Sec. 5. (1) Each committee shall elect a voting member to
5 serve as chairperson for a 1-year term. The chairperson shall
6 call meetings, set agenda which shall be sent to each committee
7 member 2 weeks before each meeting, and appoint subcommittees as
8 the committee considers necessary. The chairperson shall serve
9 without vote as a member of all subcommittees.

10 (2) Each committee shall elect a voting member to serve as
11 vice-chairperson for a 1-year term. The vice-chairperson shall
12 serve as chairperson in the chairperson's absence and shall oth-
13 erwise assist the chairperson in his or her duties.

14 Sec. 6. (1) Each committee shall meet at least 4 times a
15 year and the business of the committee shall be conducted at a
16 public meeting held in compliance with the open meetings act, Act
17 No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.261 to
18 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Public notice of the time,
19 date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner
20 required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

21 (2) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of,
22 or retained by the committee in the performance of an official
23 function shall be made available to the public in compliance with
24 the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of
25 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled
26 Laws.

1 (3) A quorum of the committee shall consist of a simple
2 majority of the voting members.

3 (4) A committee member shall not be entitled to per diem
4 compensation but each committee member shall be entitled to
5 actual and necessary travel expenses and other expenses incurred
6 in the performance of official duties under this act.

7 Sec. 7. Each committee shall do all of the following:

8 (a) Become familiar with the physical features and charac-
9 teristics of the region affected by the camp, including present
10 patterns of military, public, and private use.

11 (b) Become familiar with the long-range plans to improve,
12 develop, or intensify the use of the camp.

13 (c) Monitor the plans, programs, and activities proposed or
14 conducted within the camp as they relate to the environment, nat-
15 ural resources, and quality of human life in the region used for
16 or affected by the camp's military training operations.

17 (d) Quickly identify problems that conflict with or endanger
18 the environment, natural resources, and quality of human life,
19 recommend modifications in the camp's plans, programs, and activ-
20 ities as the committee considers warranted, and report these rec-
21 ommendations to the governor, the director of the department of
22 natural resources, and the director of the department of military
23 affairs and adjutant general of the state of Michigan.

24 (e) Develop a management plan describing limits on various
25 types of land use, whether military, public, or private, to pro-
26 mote the long-term maintenance of the property within the region
27 used for or affected by the camp's military training operations

1 and appraise ongoing programs in terms of meeting the management
2 plan's objectives.

3 (f) Serve as a public forum for discussions concerning the
4 camp and the camp's use of property within the region used for or
5 affected by the camp's military training operations.

6 (g) Engage in any other activity which in its judgment may
7 further the purposes of this section.

8 Sec. 8. The governor shall appoint a citizen ombudsman for
9 each committee. The ombudsman shall serve as staff for the com-
10 mittee, maintain an office for the committee, and be under the
11 supervision of the committee's chairperson. The ombudsman shall
12 monitor, investigate, and report to the committee on public com-
13 plaints concerning the camp.