

## CHAPTER 126A

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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**Subdivision 1. Director.** The director of environmental education is appointed by the commissioner of education. The director may initiate, develop, implement, evaluate, and market informal environmental education programs; shall promote state government and private sector policy that is consistent with the environmental education programs established in section 126A.08; and may coordinate informal environmental education with the K-12 and post-secondary environmental education programs developed by the department of education and the state's post-secondary institutions.

**Subd. 2. Board members.** A 17-member board shall advise the director. The board is made up of the commissioners of the department of natural resources; the pollution control agency; the department of agriculture; the department of education; the director of the office of strategic and long-range planning; the chair of the board of water and soil resources; the executive director of the higher education coordinating board; the executive secretary of the board of teaching; the director of the extension service; and eight citizen members representing diverse interests appointed by the governor. The governor shall appoint one citizen member from each congressional district. The citizen members are subject to section 15.0575. Two of the citizen members appointed by the governor must be licensed teachers currently teaching in the K-12 system. The governor shall annually designate a member to serve as chair for the next year.

**History:** 1991 c 345 art 2 s 34,35

#### 126A.03 STAFF.

The commissioner of education shall provide staff and consultant support for the office of environmental education. The support must be based on an annual budget and work program developed by the director and certified to the commissioner of education by the chair of the office's advisory board. The director may request staff support from any other agency of the executive branch as needed to execute the responsibilities of the director.

**History:** 1991 c 345 art 2 s 36