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**AN ACT**

To reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping  
Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Geologic  
5 Mapping Reauthorization Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1           (1) in enacting the National Geologic Mapping  
2 Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31a et seq.), Congress  
3 found, among other things, that—

4           (A) during the 2 decades preceding enact-  
5 ment of that Act, the production of geologic  
6 maps had been drastically curtailed;

7           (B) geologic maps are the primary data  
8 base for virtually all applied and basic earth-  
9 science investigations;

10          (C) Federal agencies, State and local gov-  
11 ernments, private industry, and the general  
12 public depend on the information provided by  
13 geologic maps to determine the extent of poten-  
14 tial environmental damage before embarking on  
15 projects that could lead to preventable, costly  
16 environmental problems or litigation;

17          (D) the lack of proper geologic maps has  
18 led to the poor design of such structures as  
19 dams and waste-disposal facilities;

20          (E) geologic maps have proven indispen-  
21 sable in the search for needed fossil fuel and  
22 mineral resources; and

23          (F) a comprehensive nationwide program  
24 of geologic mapping is required in order to sys-  
25 tematically build the Nation's geologic-map

1 data base at a pace that responds to increasing  
2 demand;

3 (2) the geologic mapping program called for by  
4 that Act has not been fully implemented; and

5 (3) it is time for this important program to be  
6 fully implemented.

7 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENT.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3 of the National Geo-  
9 logic Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31b) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “As used in this Act:” and in-  
11 sserting “In this Act:”;

12 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4),  
13 and (5) as paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6), respec-  
14 tively;

15 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the follow-  
16 ing:

17 “(2) ASSOCIATION.—The term ‘Association’  
18 means the Association of American State Geolo-  
19 gists.”; and

20 (4) in each paragraph that does not have a  
21 heading, by inserting a heading, in the same style as  
22 the heading in paragraph (2), as added by para-  
23 graph (3), the text of which is comprised of the term  
24 defined in the paragraph.

1 (b) GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM.—Section 4 of the  
2 National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31c)  
3 is amended—

4 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the  
5 following:

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a na-  
8 tional cooperative geologic mapping program be-  
9 tween the United States Geological Survey and the  
10 State geological surveys, acting through the Associa-  
11 tion.

12 “(2) DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND ADMINIS-  
13 TRATION.—The cooperative geologic mapping pro-  
14 gram shall be—

15 “(A) designed and administered to achieve  
16 the objectives set forth in subsection (c);

17 “(B) developed in consultation with the ad-  
18 visory committee; and

19 “(C) administered through the Survey.”;

20 (2) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) in the subsection heading by striking

22 “USGS” and inserting “THE SURVEY”;

23 (B) in paragraph (1)—

- 1 (i) by single-indenting the paragraphs,  
2 double-indenting the subparagraphs, and  
3 triple indenting the clauses;
- 4 (ii) by inserting “LEAD AGENCY.—”  
5 before “The Survey”;
- 6 (iii) in subparagraph (A)—
- 7 (I) by striking “Committee on  
8 Natural Resources” and inserting  
9 “Committee on Resources”; and
- 10 (II) by striking “date of enact-  
11 ment of this Act” and inserting “date  
12 of enactment of the National Geologic  
13 Mapping Reauthorization Act of  
14 1996”;
- 15 (iv) in subparagraph (B)—
- 16 (I) by striking “State geological  
17 surveys” and inserting “Association”;  
18 and
- 19 (II) by striking “date of enact-  
20 ment of this Act” and inserting “date  
21 of enactment of the National Geologic  
22 Mapping Reauthorization Act of  
23 1996”; and
- 24 (v) in subparagraph (C)—

1 (I) by striking “date of enact-  
2 ment of this Act” and inserting “date  
3 of enactment of the National Geologic  
4 Mapping Reauthorization Act of  
5 1996”;

6 (II) by striking “Committee on  
7 Natural Resources” and inserting  
8 “Committee on Resources”;

9 (III) in clauses (i) and (ii) by in-  
10 sserting “and the Association” after  
11 “the Survey”;

12 (IV) by adding “and” at the end  
13 of clause (ii); and

14 (V) by striking “; and” at the  
15 end of clause (iii) and all that follows  
16 through the end of the subparagraph  
17 and inserting a period; and

18 (C) in paragraph (2)—

19 (i) by inserting “RESPONSIBILITIES  
20 OF THE SECRETARY.—” before “In addi-  
21 tion to”; and

22 (ii) in subparagraph (A) by striking  
23 “State geological surveys” and inserting  
24 “Association”;

25 (3) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2) by striking “interpre-  
2 tive” and inserting “interpretative”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (4) by striking “aware-  
4 ness for” and inserting “awareness of”; and  
5 (4) in subsection (d)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1) by inserting “FED-  
7 ERAL COMPONENT.—” before “A Federal”;

8 (B) in paragraph (2)—

9 (i) by inserting “SUPPORT COMPO-  
10 NENT.—” before “A geologic”; and

11 (ii) by striking subparagraph (D) and  
12 inserting the following:

13 “(D) geochronologic and isotopic investiga-  
14 tions that—

15 “(i) provide radiometric age dates for  
16 geologic-map units; and

17 “(ii) fingerprint the geothermometry,  
18 geobarometry, and alteration history of  
19 geologic-map units,

20 which investigations shall be contributed to a  
21 national geochronologic data base;”;

22 (C) in paragraph (3) by inserting “STATE  
23 COMPONENT.—” before “A State”; and

24 (D) by striking paragraph (4) and insert-  
25 ing the following:

1           “(4) EDUCATION COMPONENT.—A geologic  
2 mapping education component—

3           “(A) the objectives of which shall be—

4                   “(i) to develop the academic programs  
5 that teach earth-science students the fun-  
6 damental principles of geologic mapping  
7 and field analysis; and

8                   “(ii) to provide for broad education in  
9 geologic mapping and field analysis  
10 through support of field studies;

11           “(B) investigations under which shall be  
12 integrated with the other mapping components  
13 of the geologic mapping program and shall re-  
14 spond to priorities identified for those compo-  
15 nents; and

16           “(C) Federal funding for which shall be  
17 matched by non-Federal sources on a 1-to-1  
18 basis.”.

19           (c) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—Section 5 of the Na-  
20 tional Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31d) is  
21 amended—

22           (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the  
23 following:

24           “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—



1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be established  
2 a 10-member geologic mapping advisory committee  
3 to advise the Director on planning and implementa-  
4 tion of the geologic mapping program.

5           “(2) MEMBERS EX OFFICIO.—Federal agency  
6 members shall include the Administrator of the En-  
7 vironmental Protection Agency or a designee, the  
8 Secretary of Energy or a designee, the Secretary of  
9 Agriculture or a designee, and the Assistant to the  
10 President for Science and Technology or a designee.

11           “(3) APPOINTED MEMBERS.—Not later than 90  
12 days after the date of enactment of the National  
13 Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 1996, in  
14 consultation with the Association, the Secretary shall  
15 appoint to the advisory committee 2 representatives  
16 from the Survey (including the Chief Geologist, as  
17 Chairman), 2 representatives from the State geologi-  
18 cal surveys, 1 representative from academia, and 1  
19 representative from the private sector.”; and

20           (2) in subsection (b)(3) by striking “and State”  
21 and inserting “, State, and university”.

22           (d) GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION  
23 PLAN.—Section 6 of the National Geologic Mapping Act  
24 of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31e) is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting “cooperative”  
2 after “national”;

3           (2) by striking paragraph (3)(C) and inserting  
4 the following:

5                   “(C) for the State geologic mapping com-  
6 ponent, a priority-setting mechanism that re-  
7 sponds to—

8                           “(i) specific intrastate needs for geo-  
9 logic-map information; and

10                           “(ii) interstate needs shared by adja-  
11 cent entities that have common require-  
12 ments; and”;

13           (3) by striking paragraphs (4) and (5) and in-  
14 serting the following:

15                   “(4) a mechanism for adopting scientific and  
16 technical mapping standards for preparing and pub-  
17 lishing general-purpose and special-purpose geologic  
18 maps to—

19                           “(A) ensure uniformity of cartographic and  
20 scientific conventions; and

21                           “(B) provide a basis for judgment as to  
22 the comparability and quality of map products;  
23 and”;

24           (4) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-  
25 graph (5).

1 (e) NATIONAL GEOLOGIC-MAP DATA BASE.—Section  
2 7 of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (43  
3 U.S.C. 31f) is amended by striking subsection (b) and in-  
4 serting the following:

5 “(b) STANDARDIZATION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Geologic maps contributed  
7 to the national archives shall have format, symbols,  
8 and technical attributes that adhere to standards so  
9 that archival information can be accessed, ex-  
10 changed, and compared efficiently and accurately, as  
11 required by Executive Order 12906 (59 Fed. Reg.  
12 17,671 (1994)), which established the National Spa-  
13 tial Data Infrastructure.

14 “(2) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS.—Entities  
15 that contribute geologic maps to the national ar-  
16 chives shall develop the standards described in para-  
17 graph (1) in cooperation with the Federal Geo-  
18 graphic Data Committee, which is charged with  
19 standards development and other data coordination  
20 activities as described in Office of Management and  
21 Budget revised Circular A–16.”.

22 (f) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 8 of the National  
23 Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31g) is amend-  
24 ed in the first sentence—

1           (1) by striking “Committee on Natural Re-  
2           sources” and inserting “Committee on Resources”;  
3           and

4           (2) by striking “program, and describing and  
5           evaluating progress” and inserting “program and  
6           describing and evaluating the progress”.

7           (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
8 9 of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (43  
9 U.S.C. 31h) is amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11           “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-  
12           propriated to carry out the national cooperative geologic  
13           mapping program under this Act—

14                   “(1) \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;

15                   “(2) \$26,000,000 for fiscal year 1998;

16                   “(3) \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 1999; and

17                   “(4) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

18           “(b) ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—

19                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount of funds  
20           that are appropriated under subsection (a) for any  
21           fiscal year up to the amount that is equal to the  
22           amount appropriated to carry out the national coop-  
23           erative geologic mapping program for fiscal year  
24           1996—

1           “(A) not less than 20 percent shall be allo-  
2 cated to State mapping activities; and

3           “(B) not less than 2 percent shall be allo-  
4 cated to educational mapping activities.

5           “(2) INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the  
6 amount of funds that are appropriated under sub-  
7 section (a) for any fiscal year up to the amount that  
8 exceeds the amount appropriated to carry out the  
9 national cooperative geologic mapping program for  
10 fiscal year 1996—

11           “(A) for fiscal year 1997—

12           “(i) 76 percent shall be allocated for  
13 Federal mapping and support mapping ac-  
14 tivities;

15           “(ii) 22 percent shall be allocated for  
16 State mapping activities; and

17           “(iii) 2 percent shall be allocated for  
18 educational mapping activities;

19           “(B) for fiscal year 1998—

20           “(i) 75 percent shall be allocated for  
21 Federal mapping and support mapping ac-  
22 tivities;

23           “(ii) 23 percent shall be allocated for  
24 State mapping activities; and

1                   “(iii) 2 percent shall be allocated for  
2                   educational mapping activities;  
3                   “(C) for fiscal year 1999—  
4                   “(i) 74 percent shall be allocated for  
5                   Federal mapping and support mapping ac-  
6                   tivities;  
7                   “(ii) 24 percent shall be allocated for  
8                   State mapping activities; and  
9                   “(iii) 2 percent shall be allocated for  
10                   educational mapping activities; and  
11                   “(D) for fiscal year 2000—  
12                   “(i) 73 percent shall be allocated for  
13                   Federal mapping and support mapping ac-  
14                   tivities;  
15                   “(ii) 25 percent shall be allocated for  
16                   State mapping activities; and  
17                   “(iii) 2 percent shall be allocated for  
18                   educational mapping activities.”.

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Attest:

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