



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5644

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The Committee on Environment reported through REP. WIDLITZ of the 98th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATIVES TO SEWAGE SLUDGE INCINERATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
2 Environmental Protection, in consultation with representatives of
3 municipal or regional water pollution control authorities, shall study
4 alternatives to sewage sludge incineration. Not later than January 1,
5 2005, the commissioner shall report any findings, in accordance with
6 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
7 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
8 matters relating to the environment.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
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ENV Joint Favorable

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	150,000 - 500,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Municipal Water Pollution Control Authorities	Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

Requiring the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in consultation with Municipal Water Pollution Control Authorities to study alternatives to sewage sludge incineration is estimated to cost the DEP \$150,000 to \$500,000 to hire a consultant. The scope of the study is not defined in the bill, and the costs could be significant dependant upon the specifics. Any increase in workload to the authorities for consultation is anticipated to be minimal and within resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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INCINERATION***

SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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