



Senate

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File No. 242

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 346

Senate, April 3, 2012

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CREATING A REGIONAL COMPOSTING FACILITY SITING TASK FORCE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study suitable sites on which to sensibly locate regional composting
3 facilities to further the purposes of public act 11-217. As part of its
4 responsibilities, the task force shall recommend criteria by which to
5 determine whether a particular site is suitable for a regional
6 composting facility, and shall establish a list of sites in the state that
7 meet such criteria.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two persons appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
10 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
11 relating to planning and development, one of whom shall be an
12 individual with administrative responsibilities at a privately-run

13 facility that generates an average of at least one hundred four tons of
14 source-separated organic materials a year;

15 (2) Two persons appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
16 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
17 relating to the environment, one of whom shall be an individual who
18 handles food waste material;

19 (3) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
20 the commissioner's designee;

21 (4) One representative of the Connecticut Resources Recovery
22 Authority;

23 (5) One representative of the Housatonic Resources Recovery
24 Authority;

25 (6) One representative of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional
26 Resources Recovery Authority;

27 (7) One representative of the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility
28 Tunxis Recycling Operating Committee;

29 (8) One representative from the Wallingford Regional Solid Waste
30 Project; and

31 (9) A member of the Connecticut Chapter of American Planners.

32 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
33 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
34 filled by the appointing authority.

35 (d) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
36 the commissioner's designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the task
37 force. The commissioner or designee shall schedule the first meeting of
38 the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the
39 effective date of this section.

40 (e) The task force shall be within the Department of Energy and

41 Environmental Protection for administrative purposes.

42 (f) Not later than January 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a report
43 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
44 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
45 environment and planning and development, in accordance with the
46 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
47 terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2013,
48 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The provisions of subsection (c) concerning membership on the task force of members of the General Assembly were deleted to avoid repetition of provisions of section 2-5 of the general statutes.

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Various State Agencies; Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact since the task force terminates in FY 13.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

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Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/19/2012)