



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 816

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY REGIONAL
COMPOSTING FACILITY SITING AND THE INDIVIDUAL
COMPOSTING PERMITTING PROCESS.**

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. The task force shall also study inefficiencies in the
8 individual composting permitting process.

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

10 (1) Two persons appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
11 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
12 relating to planning and development, one of whom shall be an
13 individual with administrative responsibilities at a privately-run
14 facility that generates an average of at least one hundred four tons of
15 source-separated organic materials a year;

16 (2) Two persons appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
17 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

18 relating to the environment, one of whom shall be an individual who
19 handles food waste material;

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (9) A member of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning
33 Association.

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

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

42 (e) The task force shall be within the Department of Energy and
43 Environmental Protection for administrative purposes.

44 (f) Not later than February 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a

45 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
46 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
47 relating to the environment and planning and development, in
48 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
49 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
50 February 1, 2014, 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:

In subdivision (9) of subsection (b), "Connecticut Chapter of American Planners" was changed to "Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association" for accuracy.

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*