General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7298 File No. 620 Cal. No. 374

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE MARKET FOR RECYCLED COMMODITIES IN THE STATE AND NORTHEAST REGION."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) There is established a task force to study the financial stability and business models for recycling markets and operations in the state with emphasis on recovery of materials typically collected at curbside or recycling drop-off facilities.

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

(1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be a municipal official or a representative of an organization that represents municipalities in the central Connecticut region that are affiliated with a resource recovery facility;

(2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be a municipal official or a representative of an organization that
represents municipalities in the southeastern region that are affiliated with a resource recovery facility;

(3) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a municipal official or a representative of an organization that represents municipalities in the Housatonic River Valley or Danbury region that are affiliated with a resource recovery facility;

(4) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a municipal official or a representative of an organization that represents municipalities;

(5) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of the waste recycling industry;

(6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall have experience in municipal finance;

(7) Two appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall represent recycling facilities in this state or have experience in energy procurement; and

(8) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee.

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

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

(e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment shall serve as support staff for such task force.

(f) Not later than February 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and the environment, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include:

(1) A review of the applicable statutes and regulations regarding recycling and a recommendation on whether such statutes should be modified. For any such recommendation, the task force shall specify the expected economic impact that such recommendation will have on consumers in the state;

(2) An analysis of the markets for recyclable materials collected within the state and recommendations to improve the financial viability of ongoing collection of said material;

(3) A recommendation on whether permits for recycling facilities and their operations in this state are unnecessarily burdensome; and

(4) Any other recommendations the task force deems appropriate concerning the near-term viability of residential curbside recycling in the state and the long-term financial status of such facilities.

(g) The task force shall terminate on the date it submits such report or February 1, 2020, whichever is later."

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