AN ACT CONCERNING THE RELIABILITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND ECONOMIC VITALITY OF THE STATE’S WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

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

Section 1. Section 22a-228 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (f) as follows (Effective from passage):

(NEW) (f) On and after July 1, 2020, it shall be the goal of the state to advance self-sufficiency in managing the municipal solid waste generated within its borders in a manner that: (1) Is consistent with the order of priority for managing solid waste set forth in subsection (b) of this section, (2) minimizes greenhouse gas emissions, (3) protects the quality of land and water in the state, (4) minimizes risks to public health, (5) provides greater predictability for the management of municipal solid waste, (6) maximizes economic benefits, and (7) develops and maintains modern and innovative solid waste
management systems. In support of this goal, each municipality shall target annual disposal of not more than seven hundred pounds per capita from residential sources of municipal solid waste by January 1, 2022, and not more than five hundred pounds per capita from such sources by January 1, 2024. The commissioner shall revise the state-wide solid waste management plan to incorporate a strategy for the state to support municipalities in meeting these goals.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) On or after July 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, after approval by the Office of Policy and Management, shall initiate a Waste Reduction and Infrastructure Development Program to advance the goal described in subsection (f) of section 22a-228 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such program may include one or more solicitations from providers of services, technologies and facilities, as described in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) In any solicitation issued pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall seek proposals for new, improved or expanded solid waste management facilities that may include, but are not limited to, recycling facilities, waste conversion facilities, anaerobic digestion facilities, composting facilities and resource recovery facilities.

(c) In any solicitation issued pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall seek proposals from service providers, municipalities, regional waste authorities, operating committees and councils of governments to achieve measurable source reduction and increases in recycling and composting rates, including through volumetric pricing for waste collection or disposal.

(d) In preparation for the issuance of any solicitation under this section, the commissioner may, in consultation with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the Council of Small Towns and councils of governments, solicit from municipalities and private landowners the identification of potential sites for the development of solid waste management facilities, including, but not limited to, recycling facilities,
waste conversion facilities, anaerobic digestion facilities, composting
facilities and resource recovery facilities. The commissioner may
provide examples of community benefits that participating
municipalities might be eligible to receive in any future agreements
between the state, facility developers and municipalities.

(e) The commissioner may charge a reasonable, nonrefundable fee to
bidders into any solicitation issued pursuant to this section to contribute
to the costs of preparation of the solicitation and review of the responses
pursuant to this section.

(f) The commissioner shall evaluate proposals received under any
solicitation pursuant to this section based on factors including, but not
limited to: (1) Consistency with the goal identified in subsection (f) of
section 22a-228 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (2)
reliability of service; and (3) reasonable cost. If the commissioner finds
any proposals received pursuant to this section to provide a reliable
service at a reasonable cost, in accordance with the evaluation required
in this subsection, the commissioner, with approval from the Secretary
of the Office of Policy and Management, may select any such proposal
or proposals for the award of funds that may be allocated for the
construction, maintenance or expansion of solid waste management
facilities, or provision of waste reduction, recycling or composting
programs.

(g) The commissioner may seek bids in such solicitation for proposals
eligible for long-term power purchase agreements pursuant to section
16a-3h of the general statutes, or any procurement for renewable natural
gas or other product that is otherwise authorized by any provision of
the general statutes, provided nothing in this subsection shall affect the
requirements set forth in, or compliance with, section 16a-3h of the
general statutes or any other provision of the general statutes
authorizing the procurement of renewable natural gas or other product.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective from passage) On or before December 31, 2021,
the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, in
consultation with retailers, manufacturers and recycling businesses in the state, shall submit to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment recommendations for recycled content requirements for products sold in the state and recommendations for multi-state coordination in the development of such recycled content standards. In developing such recommendations, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall consider recycled content standards from other jurisdictions.

Sec. 4. (NEW) (Effective from passage) On or before December 31, 2021, the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority shall submit to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Office of Policy and Management a five-year plan for reliable and cost-effective solid waste management service. Such plan shall represent the authority’s best efforts to provide municipal solid waste management services required by municipalities under contract with the authority, while reducing the amount of such waste and minimizing costs to municipalities, the state and electric ratepayers.

Sec. 5. Subsection (j) of section 22a-220a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):

(j) If a collector hauls solid waste generated in this state, including recyclables as listed in subsection (c) of section 22a-208e, from an entity located in the state other than a facility that has obtained a permit or authorization pursuant to this chapter and delivers such solid waste or recyclables to a destination that is an entity other than a facility that has obtained a permit or authorization pursuant to this chapter, then on or before [July 31, 2011] October 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, such collector shall submit a report regarding such solid waste, including recyclables, to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. Such report shall be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall provide such information regarding such solid waste as the commissioner deems necessary, including, but not limited
to: (1) The types of solid waste, including recyclables, collected, (2) for municipal solid waste, the municipality of origin of such municipal solid waste including recyclables, (3) the amount by weight, volume or other method acceptable to the commissioner of such solid waste, including recyclables, [delivered to such destination,] and (4) the name, address and contact information of the entity receiving such solid waste or recyclables.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | from passage | 22a-228 |
| Sec. 2    | from passage | New section |
| Sec. 3    | from passage | New section |
| Sec. 4    | from passage | New section |
| Sec. 5    | October 1, 2020 | 22a-220a(j) |

**Statement of Purpose:**
To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]