



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5298

House of Representatives, March 31, 2022

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. GRESKO of the 121st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITIES.

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 the transition from the disposal management operations of the
3 Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority. Such task force shall
4 develop recommendations for such transition that shall be based on: (1)
5 A review of issues relating to ongoing negotiations concerning the
6 request for proposals for such operations; (2) an analysis of issues that
7 pose challenges to the execution of contracts for such operations,
8 including, but not limited to, the volume of tonnage to be managed
9 under any such contract, the number of municipalities opting out of
10 service agreements with the authority and the quantity and terms for
11 disposal of waste by transfer stations; and (3) the capacity of other in-
12 state waste-to-energy facilities. Such recommendations shall outline and
13 prioritize options for the transition of such disposal management
14 operations if the authority is unable to successfully conclude such
15 contract negotiations, including, but not limited to, funding options to

16 extend the operation of the authority until long-term transition
17 solutions are developed.

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

19 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

20 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

21 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
22 Representatives;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

24 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
25 Representatives;

26 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

27 (7) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
28 the commissioner's designee; and

29 (8) Two appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be an owner
30 or operator of a food waste anaerobic digester.

31 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
32 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
33 of the General Assembly.

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

37 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
38 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
39 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
40 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
41 days after the effective date of this section.

42 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the

43 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
44 environment shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

45 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report
46 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
47 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
48 environment, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
49 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
50 submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

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

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a task force to study the transition from the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority disposal management operations. It also requires the task force to report its recommendations to the Environment Committee by January 1, 2023. This has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

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Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/21/2022)