



March 6, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015123): Creates the Advisory Task Force on Solid Waste, composed of 15 members, to examine and review issues related to solid waste. Establishes intent that \$100,000 of existing funds in the Solid Waste Management Fund is allocated to funding the task force. Terminates the task force on July 1, 2028.

Authorizes the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to accept voluntary contributions and apply for grants from private companies for grants for recycling infrastructure, recycling projects, and composting.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$100,000/Each FY24-25 through FY27-28/
Solid Waste Management Fund**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The task force membership is composed of the Governor, chairs of two legislative committees, and twelve private individuals. Legislative members are entitled to reimbursements as members of the General Assembly and non-legislative members are authorized to receive reimbursements of travel expenses. Task force members are expressly authorized to travel and conduct meetings outside of this state in the fulfillment of their duties.
- The task force is required to focus its examination and review on innovative processes for the disposition of solid waste and to review all aspects of the disposition of solid waste that the task force deems necessary, including, but not limited to, landfilling, recycling, agricultural uses, and energy production. The task force is further required to publish a total of four annual reports.
- The proposed legislation expresses intent to fund the task force with \$100,000 of existing funds in the Solid Waste Management Fund. However, the legislation does not establish whether such funding is one-time or annual during the existence of the task force.
- Due to the size of the task force, responsibilities that the task force is charged with, and express authorization to conduct its business outside of Tennessee, if necessary, it is assumed that \$100,000 will be sufficient and necessary to fund the activities of the task force. Therefore, the total increase in state expenditures from the Solid Waste Management Fund is estimated to be \$100,000 in each FY24-25 through FY27-28.

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-211-825, TDEC is required to establish a grant program utilizing funds from the Solid Waste Management Fund for the purchase of equipment needed to establish or upgrade recycling.
- The proposed legislation authorizes TDEC to accept voluntary contributions and apply for grants from private companies for grants for recycling infrastructure, recycling projects, and composting pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-211-825.
- The timing and extent of any private contributions and grants, if any, are unknown. However, it is assumed that any such additional funding will not significantly impact overall funding in the Solid Waste Management Fund that will be available and expended for recycling grants.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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