

SENATE BILL 3126

By Woodson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 202; Title 68, Chapter 211 and Title 68, Chapter 212, relative to waste.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-211-604, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

(c) The department of environment and conservation shall provide planning models for relocating, hauling, composting or other processing of yard waste and food waste in rural, suburban and urban areas. Calculations for such models shall include:

- (1) The facilities needed to compost organic materials;
- (2) The amount of such waste generated;
- (3) Transportation and hauling requirements; and
- (4) The value of any commercial products, including compost, which is

likely to be created from such activity.

(d) The department shall provide planning models for preventing the disposal of food waste in landfills by diverting cooked food and meals from restaurants, food stores, colleges and universities, hospitals and other institutions to homeless shelters, food bank programs and other entities which distribute food.

(e) The department shall submit a report to the senate environment, conservation and tourism committee and the conservation and environment committee of the house of representatives on the progress of implementing subsections (c) and (d) by December 1, 2011. The department shall make such report available to the public upon request.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.