H.B. No. 2763

AN ACT
relating to a study of the current and potential economic impacts of recycling.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(2) "Recycling" has the meaning assigned by Section 361.421, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 2. STUDY OF ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF RECYCLING. (a) The commission shall conduct a study on the current and potential economic impacts of recycling, including state and local revenue that may be considered lost because recyclable materials are not recycled. The study must:

(1) assess current recycling efforts, including by:

(A) quantifying the amount of materials currently being recycled;

(B) assessing the cost, value, and quality of materials currently being recycled; and

(C) estimating the amount of materials that could be recycled but are not currently being recycled;

(2) identify methods that may be used, by the public sector, the private sector, or both, to increase recycling, including through the development of:
(A) new markets for recycled materials; and

(B) new businesses that may result from recycling;

(3) investigate the current and potential availability of funding for the methods identified under Subdivision (2);

(4) assess the current types and number of jobs associated with recycling and potential additional opportunities for job creation that may result from increased recycling; and

(5) assess infrastructure needs and development opportunities associated with recycling in rural areas.

(b) To the extent practicable, the commission shall use methodologies developed for other recycling studies performed in this state in performing the study under this section.

(c) The commission shall prepare a written report on the results of the study and include the report in the 2016 summary report titled "Municipal Solid Waste in Texas: A Year in Review."

SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires August 31, 2017.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.
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President of the Senate
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2763 was passed by the House on May 12, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 14, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2763 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: ________________

Date

Governor