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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2763:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to a study of the current and potential economic impacts of  
3 recycling.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

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

8 (2) "Recycling" has the meaning assigned by Section  
9 [361.421](#), Health and Safety Code.

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

15 (1) assess current recycling efforts, including by:

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

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

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

22 (2) identify methods that may be used, by the public  
23 sector, the private sector, or both, to increase recycling,  
24 including through the development of:

1 (A) new markets for recycled materials; and  
2 (B) new businesses that may result from  
3 recycling;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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