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H.B. No. 2763

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study of economically recyclable materials, economic  
3 impacts to the state and local governments of existing and  
4 increased recycling, the development of new markets for recycled  
5 materials and any infrastructure needs, and the potential to  
6 increase state revenues.

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

8 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In the Act:

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

11 (2) "Recycling" has the meaning assigned by Section  
12 [361.421](#), Health and Safety Code.

13 SECTION 2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE; STUDY. (a) The commission  
14 shall convene an advisory committee established under Chapter 361,  
15 Health and Safety Code.

16 (b) The commission through the advisory committee shall  
17 conduct a study quantifying the amount of materials currently being  
18 recycled, economic impacts including lost state and local revenues  
19 from the materials that are not being recycled, and to identify ways  
20 to develop new markets to increase recycling. The study must:

21 (1) assess current recycling efforts and identify ways  
22 in which the private and public sectors can improve and increase  
23 those efforts;

24 (2) Identify new markets and business that may be

1 available from existing and increased recycling of materials;

2           (3) investigate available and new funding for efforts  
3 that are identified;

4           (4) assess current associated jobs and additional job  
5 creation opportunities with existing and increased recycling; and

6           (5) assess rural infrastructure needs and development  
7 opportunities.

8           (c) The advisory committee shall prepare a written report on  
9 the results of the study, and submit the report to the commission  
10 for inclusion into the Municipal Solid Waste Annual Summary Report.

11           SECTION 5. EXPIRATION. This Act expires August 31, 2017.

12           SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.       This Act takes effect  
13 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
14 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
15 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
16 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.