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S.B. No. 1499

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a prohibition on the issuance by the Railroad
3 Commission of Texas of a permit for a commercial surface disposal
4 facility located near a school.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 91, Natural Resources
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 91.118 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 91.118. COMMERCIAL SURFACE DISPOSAL FACILITY
9 PROHIBITED NEAR SCHOOL. (a) In this section, "commercial surface
10 disposal facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 91.116.

11 (b) The commission may not approve an application for a
12 commercial surface disposal facility if any part of the site of the
13 facility is located less than two miles from a school.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
15 to an application for a permit that is pending before the Railroad
16 Commission of Texas on or after the effective date of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.