



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 365

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 277

Senate, April 7, 2022

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. NEEDLEMAN of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRASH-TO-ENERGY WORKING GROUP.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
2 group to study and make recommendations for short-term and long-
3 term solutions to the trash problem in the state resulting from the
4 closing of one of the state's trash-to-energy facilities.

5 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

6 (1) A legislator, who shall be a cochairperson of the working group
7 and shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
8 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
9 relating to energy;

10 (2) A mayor or first selectman, who shall be a cochairperson of the
11 working group and shall be appointed by the ranking members of the
12 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of

- 13 matters relating to energy;
- 14 (3) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 15 (4) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 16 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;
- 18 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 19 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives;
- 21 (8) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 22 (9) One appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
23 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
24 relating to the environment;
- 25 (10) One appointed by the Governor;
- 26 (11) One appointed by the State Treasurer;
- 27 (12) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
28 the commissioner's designee;
- 29 (13) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's
30 designee;
- 31 (14) A representative of the farming industry, who shall be appointed
32 by the chairpersons of the working group;
- 33 (15) A representative of the recycling industry, who shall be
34 appointed by the chairpersons of the working group;
- 35 (16) The president of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns, or the
36 president's designee; and
- 37 (17) The president of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities,

38 or the president's designee.

39 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision
40 (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) or (9) of subsection (b) of this section may be
41 a member of the General Assembly.

42 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
43 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
44 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

45 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
46 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy shall
47 serve as administrative staff of the working group.

48 (f) Not later than January 1, 2023, the working group shall submit a
49 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
50 statutes, on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
51 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
52 relating to energy. The working group shall terminate on the date that
53 it submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (b)(1) and in Subsec. (b)(2), "the cochairperson" was changed to "a cochairperson" for clarity and proper grammar. In Subsec. (b)(13), "The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation" was changed to "The Commissioner of Transportation" for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

ET *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a working group, which shall submit its findings and recommendations to the committee of cognizance by January 1, 2023.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/22/2022)