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Committee Bill No. 6339

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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY CONVERTING BIOSOLIDS INTO ENERGY.

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 task force
2 to study allowing municipalities to convert biosolids into energy
3 through the process of anaerobic digestion. Such study shall include, but
4 need not be limited to, an evaluation of (1) existing infrastructure that
5 could be used to convert biosolids into energy, (2) any new
6 infrastructure that would be needed to convert biosolids into energy,
7 and (3) any legislative changes that would be needed to enable
8 municipalities to convert biosolids into energy.

9 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

10 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
11 one of whom shall have expertise in the management of biosolids and
12 one of whom shall have expertise in anaerobic digestion;

13 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

14 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of

15 Representatives;

16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

17 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
18 Representatives;

19 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

20 (7) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
21 the commissioner's designee; and

22 (8) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or
23 the chairperson's designee.

24 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
25 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
26 of the General Assembly.

27 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
28 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
29 be filled by the appointing authority.

30 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
31 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
32 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
33 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
34 days after the effective date of this section.

35 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
36 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
37 technology shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

38 (g) Not later than February 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report
39 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
40 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy
41 and technology, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
42 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it

43 submits such report or February 1, 2024, 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 Purpose:

To study converting biosolids into energy.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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