

HOUSE BILL 1277

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 9 and Title 68, relative to statewide grant
programs for recycling.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 211, Part 8, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

68-211-8__.

(a) The department shall establish and administer a grant program to be known as the recycled plastic processors program, referred to in this section as "the program". The program shall be created for the purpose of providing resources to assist recyclers in this state who process recycled plastic to be used as raw material in manufacturing.

(b) The department shall utilize existing staff to assist in the implementation of the program and provide grant funding from whatever funding sources are available including, but not limited to, funds from federal and state governments.

(c) The department shall allocate and disperse funds each fiscal year to assist processors of recycled plastic in the expansion of their existing recycling operations.

(d) Funds for the program may be used only to expand existing recycling operations in this state.

SECTION 2. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, and for all other purpose this act shall take effect October 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.