

SENATE BILL 689

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 211, relative to solid waste disposal.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-211-873, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following language as a new subsection:

(b) The report required by subsection (a) shall address the components of the state's comprehensive solid waste management plan, created pursuant to § 68-211-603, including, but not limited to:

(1) Reduction of the volume of wastes going to incinerators or landfills by means of local and regional recycling programs;

(2) Mulching and composting of yard wastes and other suitable materials;

(3) Means of ensuring that incinerators and landfills operate in an environmentally and economically sound manner;

(4) Identification of incentives and systems that political subdivisions of this state may use to facilitate recycling and reuse of construction waste;

(5) Use of composting as a method of diverting waste from landfills across all of the political subdivisions of this state, including:

(A) Large scale composting in major metropolitan areas; and

(B) Composting strategies that may be applied by specific types of waste producers, including higher education institutions, food service establishments, food retailers, and neighborhood groups; and

(6) A statewide system of collecting recyclable plastics that is based on regional collection centers.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.