



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

SB1775

Introduced 2/9/2017, by Sen. Don Harmon

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/11-19-15 new

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Creates the Municipal Task Force on Recycling Strategies to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions to review the status of municipal policies and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions nationally and internationally. Provides that the review shall include, but not be limited to, specified greenhouse gas initiatives. Provides that the Task Force shall prepare a report that summarizes its work and makes recommendations resulting from its review. Provides that the Task Force shall submit the report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than one year after the effective date. Contains provisions concerning the membership of the Task Force. Provides that the members of the Task Force shall be appointed no later than 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that the provisions creating and concerning the Task Force shall be repealed 2 years after the effective date.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by adding  
5 Section 11-19-15 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/11-19-15 new)

7 Sec. 11-19-15. Municipal Task Force on Recycling  
8 Strategies to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

9 (a) Landfills are useful resources for the disposal of  
10 discarded materials. Recycling and composting are also useful  
11 resources to divert materials from landfills and return  
12 discarded materials to the secondary markets thereby  
13 generating economic benefits and a reduction in greenhouse gas  
14 emissions. The most significant greenhouse gas produced from  
15 waste is methane. Methane is released during the breakdown of  
16 organic matter in landfills. Waste prevention and recycling  
17 help address global climate change by decreasing the amount of  
18 greenhouse gas emissions and saves energy according to the  
19 United States Environmental Protection Agency.

20 (b) For the purposes of this Section, "Task Force" means  
21 the Municipal Task Force on Recycling Strategies to Reduce  
22 Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

23 (c) The Municipal Task Force on Recycling Strategies to

1 Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions is hereby created to review the  
2 status of municipal policies and programs that reduce  
3 greenhouse gas emissions nationally and internationally. The  
4 goal of the Task Force is to investigate and provide  
5 recommendations on municipal initiatives to reduce greenhouse  
6 gas reduction in a manner that protects the environment, as  
7 well as public health, and promotes economic development  
8 through recycling and calculates greenhouse gas reductions  
9 based on recycling and composting.

10 The Task Force's review shall include, but not be limited  
11 to, initiatives that divert the following materials from  
12 landfills in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions: carpet,  
13 corrugated containers, office paper, aluminum cans, newspaper,  
14 magazines, polyethylene terephthalate and high-density  
15 polyethylene plastics, steel cans, dimensional lumber, and  
16 food scrap. The review shall consider the amount of greenhouse  
17 gas that can be reduced by recycling or composting such  
18 materials. The review shall also evaluate the extent to which  
19 greenhouse gas reduction projects benefit the public health and  
20 provide economic value.

21 The Task Force shall prepare a report that summarizes its  
22 work and makes recommendations resulting from its review. The  
23 Task Force shall submit the report of its findings and  
24 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no  
25 later than one year after the effective date of this amendatory  
26 Act of the 100th General Assembly.

1       The Task Force shall consist of the following 13 members  
2 appointed as follows:

3           (1) the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
4 or his or her representative;

5           (2) the Director of the Environmental Protection  
6 Agency or his or her representative;

7           (3) four persons appointed by the Director of Commerce  
8 and Economic Opportunity to represent municipalities;

9           (4) two persons appointed by the Director of the  
10 Environmental Protection Agency to represent environmental  
11 organizations;

12           (5) four persons appointed by the Director of Commerce  
13 and Economic Opportunity to represent recyclers and  
14 composters;

15           (6) one person appointed by the Director of Commerce  
16 and Economic Opportunity to support administrative  
17 planning and to draft the findings and recommendations of  
18 the Task Force.

19       The Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the  
20 Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, or their  
21 representatives, shall co-chair and facilitate the Task Force.  
22 The members of the Task Force shall be appointed no later than  
23 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
24 100th General Assembly. Vacancies in the membership of the Task  
25 Force shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
26 appointment. The members of the Task Force shall not receive

1 compensation for serving as members of the Task Force.

2 The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall  
3 provide the Task Force with administrative and other support.

4 This Section is repealed 2 years after the effective date  
5 of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly.