



## **H.B. 166**

124th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps. Metzger, Kearns, Krupinski, Patton, Allen, Niehaus, Grendell, Bocchieri, Schuring, Perry, Rhine, Wilson**

---

### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Establishes a moratorium on the issuance of permits for new solid waste landfills until the Director of Environmental Protection implements the recommendations made by the Solid Waste Landfill Siting Criteria Legislative Task Force created by the bill.
- Establishes the Solid Waste Landfill Siting Criteria Legislative Task Force, consisting of members of the General Assembly, for the purpose of making recommendations to the Director for changes in the solid waste landfill siting criteria that are necessary to protect potable ground water resources.

---

### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Moratorium on new solid waste landfills**

The bill prohibits the Director of Environmental Protection from issuing a permit for a new solid waste landfill until the Director has implemented the recommendations of the Solid Waste Landfill Siting Criteria Legislative Task Force created by the bill (Section 1(A)).

#### **Solid Waste Landfill Siting Criteria Legislative Task Force**

The bill creates the Solid Waste Landfill Siting Criteria Legislative Task Force consisting of eight members. Those eight members include four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. At least one member from each house must be from the minority party. The members must be appointed within 30 days after the bill's effective date and must hold their first meeting within 45 days after the effective date. At the first

meeting, the members are required to appoint a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The bill requires the Task Force to meet at least monthly. (Section 1(B).)

The Task Force is required to study the siting criteria pertaining to solid waste landfills established in Ohio statutes and rules that are necessary to protect potable ground water resources in order to determine the effectiveness of the criteria in protecting public health and the environment. The Director of Environmental Protection or employees of the Environmental Protection Agency designated by the Director are required to provide technical assistance to the Task Force.

Not later than one year after the bill's effective date, the Task Force must submit a report to the Director with recommendations for changes to the siting criteria that it studied. The recommendations must be designed to improve the effectiveness of the criteria in protecting public health and the environment. The Director must implement the recommendations by rule. Following submission of the report, the Task Force ceases to exist. (Section 1(C).)

---

## **HISTORY**

| <b>ACTION</b> | <b>DATE</b> | <b>JOURNAL ENTRY</b> |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Introduced    | 03-14-01    | p. 237               |

H0166-I/jc