



**Sub. S.B. 71\***

124th General Assembly

(As Reported by S. Energy, Natural Resources, & Environment)

**Sen. Coughlin**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Establishes the Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management, consisting of members of the General Assembly and a representative from the Environmental Protection Agency, for the purpose of making recommendations by December 31, 2002, to the Governor and the legislative leadership for changes in the Solid, Infectious, and Hazardous Waste Law and rules adopted under it pertaining to solid waste landfills that are designed to improve the protection of public health and the environment.
- Establishes the Solid Waste Management Advisory Group to provide technical assistance to the Committee.
- Declares an emergency.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

***Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management***

The bill creates the Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management consisting of seven members. Those seven members include three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, and one member who is a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency appointed by the Director of Environmental Protection. Two members from each house must be from the majority party, and one member from each

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\* *This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.*

house must be from the minority party. The members must be appointed within seven days after the bill's effective date and must hold their first meeting within 14 days after the effective date. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are required to jointly appoint a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from the members of the Committee. Each member may vote on issues before the Committee. (Section 1(A).)

The Committee is required to study the health, safety, social, and economic issues related to solid waste landfills established pursuant to the Solid, Infectious, and Hazardous Waste Law and rules adopted under it and the siting criteria for those landfills 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. However, the Committee cannot study issues related to "industrial solid waste landfill facilities" or "residual solid waste landfill facilities" as defined in rules adopted under that Law.

The Director of Environmental Protection or employees of the Environmental Protection Agency designated by the Director and the Director of Natural Resources or employees of the Department of Natural Resources designated by the Director are required to provide technical assistance to the Committee. In addition, the Committee may request the Legislative Service Commission to provide staff assistance. (Section 1(B).)

The Committee is required to receive technical assistance from the Solid Waste Management Advisory Group, which is created by the bill and consists of seven members. Those seven members include the following: (1) one member who is appointed by Ohioans for Landfill Reform, (2) one member who is appointed by the Ohio Environmental Council, (3) one member who is appointed by the Ohio Chapter of the National Solid Wastes Management Association, (4) one member who is appointed by a statewide association representing solid waste districts, (5) one member who is appointed by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, (6) one member who is appointed by the Ohio Manufacturers Association, and (7) one member who is appointed by the Association of the Ohio Health Commissioners. The members must be appointed within seven days after the bill's effective date. The Advisory Group is required to attend the meetings of the Committee, but no member of the Advisory Group can vote on issues before the Committee. Following the submission of the Committee's report, the Advisory Group ceases to exist. (Section 1(C).)

Not later than December 31, 2002, the chairperson must submit a report that is approved by a majority of the members to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the Senate, and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives with recommendations for legislative or regulatory changes pertaining to the issues that it studied. The

recommendations must be designed to improve the protection of public health and the environment and may address other issues considered by the Committee. Following submission of the report, the Committee ceases to exist. (Section 1(D).)

Declaring that sufficient time is needed to review the issues that are required to be studied under the bill, the bill declares an emergency (Section 2).

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## HISTORY

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