SENATE BILL 2543
By Norris

HOUSE BILL 1540

By McCormick

AN ACT, to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 211 relative to funds available from the solid waste management fund.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-211-825(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(1) For the five (5) most populous counties according to the annual estimated census released in April by the United States census bureau, the state shall grant a rebate against the amount due to the state under the state surcharge on the tipping fee imposed by this part. The state shall rebate the amount of a county's credit to the county on an annual basis. The total amount of credits shall not exceed an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the funds allocated for recycling equipment grants and shall be allocated proportionately by population to each county. Municipalities that manage solid waste within the five (5) counties shall be offered a proportionate share of their county's rebate, based on population.

(2) Such rebate shall be in lieu of recycling equipment grants for these five (5) counties. Within a county, the rebate shall be allocated proportionately by population among the municipalities in the county which provide collection or disposal services and the county for the remaining population of the county. A county or municipality may only expend such rebate for recycling purposes and they must expend from local funds an amount equal to the amount of the rebate towards such purposes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.