

HOUSE BILL 1965

By Terry

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-211-604, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections:

(c) The department of environment and conservation shall provide planning models for relocating, hauling, composting, and other processing of yard waste and food waste in rural, suburban, and urban areas. Calculations for the models shall include:

- (1) The facilities needed to compost organic materials;
- (2) The amount of such waste generated;
- (3) Transportation and hauling requirements; and
- (4) The value of any commercial products, including compost, which is

likely to be created from such activity.

(d) The department shall provide planning models for preventing the disposal of food waste in landfills by diverting cooked food and meals from restaurants, food stores, colleges and universities, hospitals, and other institutions to homeless shelters, food bank programs, and other entities that distribute food.

(e) The department shall submit a report, by December 1, 2017, to the senate energy, agriculture and natural resources committee and the agriculture and natural resources committee of the house of representatives on the progress of implementing subsections (c) and (d). The department shall also make the report available to the public upon request.

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