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**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to address components of the state's comprehensive solid waste plan in the department's annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly. The components to be included are as follows:

- Reduction of the volume of wastes going to incinerators or landfills by means of local and regional recycling programs;
- Mulching and composting of yard wastes and other suitable materials;
- Means of ensuring that incinerators and landfills operate in an environmentally and economically sound manner;
- Identification of incentives and systems that political subdivisions of this state may use to facilitate recycling and reuse of construction waste;
- Use of composting as a method of diverting waste from landfills across all of the political subdivisions of this state including large scale composting in major metropolitan areas, and composting strategies that may be applied by specific types of waste producers; and
- A statewide system of collecting recyclable plastics that is based on regional collection centers.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004819):** Deletes all language of the original bill, except for the effective date provision, such that the amended bill requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to include progress implementation updates, including projected implementation steps on each specific component of the state's comprehensive solid waste management plan in the department's annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The required information included in the bill as amended is included as elements the state's plan must address pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-212-603; therefore, any fiscal impact related to including the information in the solid waste management systems annual report is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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