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Committee Substitute for  
ENGROSSED  
Senate Bill No. 498

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 498 - By:  
PADDACK AND GUMM of the Senate and HILLIARD of the House.

An Act relating to recycling; amending 27A O.S. 2001, Section 2-10-205, which relates to the Oklahoma Recycling Initiative; declaring Legislative intent; stating goal for certain solid waste recycling by certain date; requiring certain entities to coordinate efforts; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2001, Section 2-10-205, is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 Section 2-10-205. A. The Legislature hereby recognizes and declares that it is  
4 necessary for the public interest, health and economic welfare to encourage and promote  
5 the recycling and reuse of recoverable materials. The recycling and reuse of recoverable  
6 materials substantially reduces disposal costs and the tremendous flow of solid waste to  
7 Oklahoma's dwindling solid waste sites. It is equally necessary that Oklahoma preserve,  
8 expand and encourage economic growth. The recycling and reuse of recoverable  
9 materials will create new employment, provide and allow for expansion of existing

1 manufacturing, thereby increasing employment and payrolls as well as upgrading the  
2 state's natural resources.

3 B. The Legislature declares that the goal of this state, hereinafter called the  
4 Oklahoma Recycling Initiative, is that each incorporated municipality with a population  
5 greater than five thousand (5,000), as determined by the most recent decennial census by  
6 the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce, should develop  
7 and operate a recycling program which will generate raw materials for the  
8 manufacturing industries located in this state. Due to the importance of the paper  
9 industry to Oklahoma's economy, each recycling and reuse program should at a  
10 minimum include the collection of waste paper.

11 In implementing any recycling program the Oklahoma Recycling Initiative the  
12 municipality may:

- 13 1. Consider the overall status of the solid waste collection system and management  
14 within the municipality, including generation, recycling and disposal;
- 15 2. Review five- , ten- , and twenty-year municipality-wide goals for reducing the  
16 amount of solid waste through the recycling of recoverable materials;
- 17 3. Evaluate alternative methods for achieving the Oklahoma Recycling Initiative  
18 through municipality-wide collection systems or through integrated recoverable  
19 materials management on a regional basis;
- 20 4. Establish a comprehensive and sustained public information and education  
21 program concerning the recoverable materials program's features and requirements; and

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1           5. Include in the program such other information recommended by the Department  
2 of Environmental Quality.

3           C. The Legislature shall further declare that in an effort to increase statewide  
4 recycling efforts it shall be the goal of this state to recycle at least ten percent (10%) of  
5 the entire solid waste stream produced in this state by December 31, 2010. The  
6 Department of Environmental Quality shall coordinate with the Oklahoma Recycling  
7 Association (OKRA) and any other interested parties, to determine if further legislative  
8 action is necessary to achieve this goal by 2010.

9           SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
10 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof  
11 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, dated 02-28-  
13 08 - DO PASS, As Amended.