

3 Senate Bill No. 498

4 SENATE BILL NO. 498 - By: PADDACK and GUMM of the Senate and  
5 HILLIARD of the House.

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

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

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

15 Section 2-10-205. A. The Legislature hereby recognizes and  
16 declares that it is necessary for the public interest, health and  
17 economic welfare to encourage and promote the recycling and reuse of  
18 recoverable materials. The recycling and reuse of recoverable  
19 materials substantially reduces disposal costs and the tremendous  
20 flow of solid waste to Oklahoma's dwindling solid waste sites. It  
21 is equally necessary that Oklahoma preserve, expand and encourage  
22 economic growth. The recycling and reuse of recoverable materials  
23 will create new employment, provide and allow for expansion of  
24 existing manufacturing, thereby increasing employment and payrolls  
25 as well as upgrading the state's natural resources.

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

13           1. Consider the overall status of the solid waste collection  
14 system and management within the municipality, including generation,  
15 recycling and disposal;

16           2. Review five- , ten- , and twenty-year municipality-wide  
17 goals for reducing the amount of solid waste through the recycling  
18 of recoverable materials;

19           3. Evaluate alternative methods for achieving the Oklahoma  
20 Recycling Initiative through municipality-wide collection systems or  
21 through integrated recoverable materials management on a regional  
22 basis;

1           4. Establish a comprehensive and sustained public information  
2 and education program concerning the recoverable materials program's  
3 features and requirements; and

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

6           C. The Legislature shall further declare that in an effort to  
7 increase statewide recycling efforts it shall be the goal of this  
8 state to recycle at least ten percent (10%) of the entire solid  
9 waste stream produced in this state by December 31, 2009. The  
10 Department of Environmental Quality shall coordinate with the  
11 Oklahoma Recycling Association (OKRA) and any other interested  
12 parties, to determine if further legislative action is necessary to  
13 achieve this goal by 2009.

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

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, dated 2-8-07  
19 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.