

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 21, 2013

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 926

By: Johnson (Rob) of the Senate

and

McNiel of the House

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9 **[recycling - Oklahoma Recycling Initiative -**
10 **directing state agencies to encourage recycling -**
11 **emergency]**

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2011, Section 2-10-205,
15 is amended to read as follows:

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

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

3 B. In addition to the benefits of recycling and reuse outlined
4 in subsection A of this section, the measurable energy efficiency
5 achieved through the recovery and reuse of recyclable materials by
6 energy intensive industries shall be a priority of this state and
7 encouraged by state regulating agencies. "Energy intensive
8 industry" means an industry that uses significant quantities of
9 energy as part of its primary economic activities including:

10 1. Information technology, including data centers containing
11 electrical equipment used in processing, storing and transmitting
12 digital information;

13 2. Consumer product manufacturing;

14 3. Food processing; and

15 4. Materials manufacturers, including aluminum, chemicals,
16 forest and paper products, metal casting, glass, petroleum refining,
17 mining and steel.

18 C. The Legislature declares that the goal of this state,
19 hereinafter called the Oklahoma Recycling Initiative, is that each
20 incorporated municipality with a population greater than five
21 thousand (5,000), as determined by the most recent decennial census
22 by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of
23 Commerce, should develop and operate a recycling program which will
24 generate raw materials for the manufacturing industries located in

1 this state. Due to the importance of the paper industry to
2 Oklahoma's economy, each recycling and reuse program should at a
3 minimum include the collection of waste paper.

4 In implementing any recycling program the Oklahoma Recycling
5 Initiative the municipality may:

6 1. Consider the overall status of the solid waste collection
7 system and management within the municipality, including generation,
8 recycling and disposal;

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

12 3. Evaluate alternative methods for achieving the Oklahoma
13 Recycling Initiative through municipality-wide collection systems or
14 through integrated recoverable materials management on a regional
15 basis;

16 4. Establish a comprehensive and sustained public information
17 and education program concerning the recoverable materials program's
18 features and requirements; and

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

21 ~~C.~~ D. The Legislature in an effort to increase statewide
22 recycling efforts hereby encourages a goal of recycling ten percent
23 (10%) of the entire solid waste stream produced in this state by
24 December 31, 2011. The Department of Environmental Quality shall

1 coordinate this effort with the Oklahoma Recycling Association
2 (OKRA) and any other interested parties and issue a report to the
3 Legislature by December 31, 2011.

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
9 February 21, 2013 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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