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| | Referred to Committee: Senate 1 | | | | | | |
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| School: Christian County Middle School | | | | | | | |
| City: Hopkinsville | | | | | | | |

1 An act to require all residents with Curb side trash pickup to also have curbside recycling bins

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: Curb side recycling provides residents who already have trash pickup with a spate bin in which
6 they are to put their recyclable plastic, glass, aluminum, and paper products. The recycle bin is picked up by
7 the sanitation department as part of regular service.

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9 Section 2: The main purpose of this bill is to help protect the environment by reducing the amount of waste
10 that goes into landfills in the state of Kentucky. This bill will also save cities money. Each year 250 million
11 tons of garbage is taken to landfills. Plastic bottles take 450 years to decompose, aluminum can take up to
12 500 years to break down, glass products can take thousands of years to degrade, and paper products can
13 take 50 or more years to disintegrate. All of this waste causes landfills to reach capacity; forcing cities to
14 buy new land for landfills or pay to ship waste out of the city or burn it in incinerators. Recycling can reduce
15 the amount of waste that goes into landfills by 50% or more. Recycling is also cheaper than hauling garbage
16 to landfills or incinerating it, so this would save cities money. Recycling also uses less energy and is better
17 for the air than burning waste.

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19 Section 3: The Kentucky Division of Waste Management will enforce this law. Each city will submit a plan to
20 the state for implementing and paying for curb side recycling. Once this plan is approved cities will have six
21 months to begin to implement it. Cities can recover the cost of the curb side recycling program by selling the
22 recycling items to private companies who turn them into new products.

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24 Section 4: If the city does not submit its proposal within six months of the date this bill becomes law, it will
25 receive a onetime warning and one more month to comply. If a city still does not submit a curbside recycling
26 plan, the Division of Waste Management will take control and implement a plan for that city, still at the cities
27 cost.