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Simple Title of Bill: Instituted Recycling Regarding Government-Funded Academia

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH; INSTITUTING THE RECYCLING OF ALL  
MUNICIPAL RECYCLABLES IN GOVERNMENT-FUNDED ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW  
MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. - As used in the Environmental Health Act:

- 1       A. “municipal recyclables” means everyday waste materials that are produced by a  
2       population and able to be recycled, usually consisting of papers, plastic, cardboard,  
3       glass, metals (aluminum), and other recyclable materials.
- 4       B. “biosphere” means the environment in New Mexico, including the atmosphere which  
5       is a main point of concern due to pollution.
- 6       C. “predecessors” means the generation that will follow that of our current leaders.
- 7       D. “municipal waste” means the solid waste that is produced by a population in their  
8       daily routine, consisting of grass clippings, packaging materials, papers, aluminum  
9       cans, plastic bottles, and etc.
- 10      E. “deficiency” means the impoverished conditions in New Mexico where  
11      unemployment, incomes below the cost of living, and other economic disadvantages  
12      are prevalent.

13   SECTION 2. MANDATORY RECYCLING. – Whereas, through awareness of conditions  
14   within the biosphere of New Mexico, generations that consist of the predecessors of current  
15   policymakers of New Mexico should understand and evaluate the impact that human  
16   activities have on the environment. Recycling of municipal recyclables shall be mandatory  
17   in government-funded, public academic institutions regarding primary, secondary, and  
18   postsecondary education to provide insight on environmental health, stimulate demands for  
19   substantial workforces in the environmental health industry, promote environmental safety,  
20   and evolve energy efficiency in New Mexico amongst other results. Enforcement of this bill  
21   is ideal in scholastic communities being that schools, universities, colleges, academic  
22   libraries, and other academic institutions yield an accumulation of municipal waste.  
23   Moreover, these educational environments naturistically permit involvement and  
24   productivity in both staff and student bodies. Providing a greater numerical amount of jobs,  
25   the denomination of industry concerning recycling will expand greatly and

1 surpass that of branches that concern the engineering of modern landfills and alternative  
2 disposals. In lieu of these alternative disposals, it is evident that recycling has become a  
3 key sector of economic growth and sources of employment as current technology advances  
4 to protect to environment. Mandatory recycling insights employment opportunities which  
5 provides reform for the economic deficiency that is prevalent in New Mexico. To assess  
6 New Mexico's predominant sources of employment, one would investigate the agricultural  
7 industry which is dependent on season, yield turnouts, and a multitude of confounding  
8 factors. In this, New Mexico's workforce is dependent on unreliable variables which an  
9 employment source dependent on municipal waste could eliminate due to the consistent  
10 production of waste by established populations. Employment will be stable and reliable  
11 when derived from regulating the disposal of municipal recyclables. Nonetheless, the  
12 primary results that recycling would yield are a safe environment, an immense decrease in  
13 pollution, and energy efficiency. Regarding energy efficiency, the recycling of the municipal  
14 recyclables that are collected from state-wide public academia would save an immense  
15 amount of energy and pollution that would be required or produced in the manufacturing of  
16 new materials; whereas, recycled materials demand less energy.

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18 SECTION 3. PENALTY. – A fine of \$250 for academic institutions that apply to this bill must  
19 be required to those who do not comply within two weeks after bill passage.

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21 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. – Therefore, be it resolved by the legislature of the state of  
22 New Mexico that one-thousand and five hundred (\$1,500) is appropriated from the school  
23 districts' board to complete the transaction of disposing of municipal recyclables. These  
24 funds will compensate for a minimum of five recycling depots, while additional  
25 establishments of infrastructure will depend of square footage and the student

1 attendee population. County government will cooperate in the appropriation of the  
2 expenses necessary in municipal waste collection, transport, and distribution to in-state  
3 recycling depots within New Mexico.

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5 Be it further resolved that all laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the  
6 Constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby  
7 repealed.

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9 Be it further resolved that this act shall become effective 90 days after its passage and  
10 approval by the American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State Governor or it's  
11 otherwise becoming a law.