



# Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

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## Summary Senate Bill 1379, P.N 2010

### **Prime Sponsor: Senator Musto**

- Amends the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act
- Requires public and nonpublic primary and secondary schools and State System of Higher Education (SSHE) institutions to use certified textbook recycling facilities for the collection and recycling of textbooks that are to be discarded
- The Department of General Services (DGS) shall certify and may contract with a facility to recycle textbooks for a three-year period. To be eligible for certification, a facility must meet the following conditions:
  - Not dispose of books at landfills or resource recovery facilities
  - Compensate schools and SSHE institutions required to comply with the Act
  - Maintain adequate facilities in the Commonwealth to store and ship books for recycling
  - Employ 50% of its personnel within Pennsylvania
  - Ensure that all books are used in the development of renewable energy or redistributed for educational purposes
  - Other provisions as deemed appropriate by DGS
- No school district or SSHE institution will be deemed to be in noncompliance under the following circumstances:
  - No certified textbook recycling facilities will agree to purchase the books
  - The books are provided to other schools, institutions or charitable organizations for educational purposes
- The act takes effect in 60 days