

**AMENDMENT TO DIVISION E OF RULES**  
**COMMITTEE PRINT 117-55**  
**(INTERIOR & ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS**  
**DIVISION)**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA**

At the appropriate place in division E, insert the following:

1 RECYCLING ENHANCEMENTS TO COLLECTION AND YIELD  
2 THROUGH CONSUMER LEARNING

3 SEC. \_\_\_\_.

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
5 “Recycling Enhancements to Collection and Yield through  
6 Consumer Learning and Education Act of 2022”.

7 (b) CONSUMER RECYCLING EDUCATION AND OUT-  
8 REACH GRANT PROGRAM.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-  
10 tablish a program (referred to in this subsection as  
11 the “grant program”) to award competitive grants  
12 to eligible entities to improve the effectiveness of res-  
13 idential and community recycling programs through  
14 public education and outreach.

15 (2) CRITERIA.—The Administrator shall award  
16 grants under the grant program for projects that, by

1 using one or more eligible activities described in  
2 paragraph (5)—

3 (A) inform the public about residential or  
4 community recycling programs;

5 (B) provide information about the recycled  
6 materials that are accepted as part of a residen-  
7 tial or community recycling program that pro-  
8 vides for the separate collection of residential  
9 solid waste from recycled material; and

10 (C) increase collection rates and decrease  
11 contamination in residential and community re-  
12 cycling programs.

13 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—An entity that is eligi-  
15 ble to receive a grant under the grant program  
16 is—

- 17 (i) a State;  
18 (ii) a unit of local government;  
19 (iii) a Tribal government;  
20 (iv) a nonprofit organization; or  
21 (v) a public-private partnership.

22 (B) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—Two  
23 or more entities described in subparagraph (A)  
24 may receive a grant under the grant program to  
25 coordinate the provision of information to resi-

1           dents that may access two or more residential  
2           recycling programs, including programs that ac-  
3           cept different recycled materials, to provide to  
4           the residents information regarding differences  
5           among those residential recycling programs.

6           (4) REQUIREMENT.—

7           (A) IN GENERAL.—To receive a grant  
8           under the grant program, an eligible entity  
9           shall demonstrate to the Administrator that the  
10          grant funds will be used to encourage the col-  
11          lection of recycled materials that are sold to an  
12          existing or developing market.

13          (B) BUSINESS PLANS AND FINANCIAL  
14          DATA.—

15           (i) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity  
16           may make a demonstration under subpara-  
17           graph (A) through the submission to the  
18           Administrator of appropriate business  
19           plans and financial data.

20           (ii) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Admin-  
21           istrator shall treat any business plans or  
22           financial data received under clause (i) as  
23           confidential information.

1           (5) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—An eligible entity  
2           that receives a grant under the grant program may  
3           use the grant funds for activities including—

4                   (A) public service announcements;

5                   (B) a door-to-door education and outreach  
6           campaign;

7                   (C) social media and digital outreach;

8                   (D) an advertising campaign on recycling  
9           awareness;

10                  (E) the development and dissemination  
11           of—

12                          (i) a toolkit for a municipal and com-  
13                          mercial recycling program;

14                          (ii) information on the importance of  
15                          quality in the recycling stream;

16                          (iii) information on the economic and  
17                          environmental benefits of recycling; and

18                          (iv) information on what happens to  
19                          materials after the materials are placed  
20                          into a residential or community recycling  
21                          program;

22                   (F) businesses recycling outreach;

23                   (G) bin, cart, and other receptacle labeling  
24           and signs; and

1 (H) such other activities that the Adminis-  
2 trator determines are appropriate to carry out  
3 the purposes of this subsection.

4 (6) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—No  
5 funds may be awarded under the grant program for  
6 a residential recycling program that—

7 (A) does not provide for the separate col-  
8 lection of residential solid waste (as defined in  
9 section 246.101 of title 40, Code of Federal  
10 Regulations (as in effect on the date of enact-  
11 ment of this Act)) from recycled material (as  
12 defined in that section), unless the funds are  
13 used to promote a transition to a system that  
14 separately collects recycled materials; or

15 (B) promotes the establishment of, or con-  
16 version to, a residential collection system that  
17 does not provide for the separate collection of  
18 residential solid waste from recycled material  
19 (as those terms are defined under subparagraph  
20 (A)).

21 (7) MODEL RECYCLING PROGRAM TOOLKIT.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the  
23 grant program, the Administrator, in consulta-  
24 tion with other relevant Federal agencies,  
25 States, Indian Tribes, units of local govern-

1           ment, nonprofit organizations, and the private  
2           sector, shall develop a model recycling program  
3           toolkit for States, Indian Tribes, and units of  
4           local government that includes, at a min-  
5           imum—

6                   (i) a standardized set of terms and ex-  
7                   amples that may be used to describe mate-  
8                   rials that are accepted by a residential re-  
9                   cycling program;

10                   (ii) information that the Adminis-  
11                   trator determines can be widely applied  
12                   across residential recycling programs, tak-  
13                   ing into consideration the differences in re-  
14                   cycled materials accepted by residential re-  
15                   cycling programs;

16                   (iii) educational principles on best  
17                   practices for the collection and processing  
18                   of recycled materials;

19                   (iv) a community self-assessment  
20                   guide to identify gaps in existing recycling  
21                   programs;

22                   (v) training modules that enable  
23                   States and nonprofit organizations to pro-  
24                   vide technical assistance to units of local  
25                   government;

1 (vi) access to consumer educational  
2 materials that States, Indian Tribes, and  
3 units of local government can adapt and  
4 use in recycling programs; and

5 (vii) a guide to measure the effective-  
6 ness of a grant received under the grant  
7 program, including standardized measure-  
8 ments for recycling rates and decreases in  
9 contamination.

10 (B) REQUIREMENT.—In developing the  
11 standardized set of terms and examples under  
12 subparagraph (A)(i), the Administrator may  
13 not establish any requirements for—

14 (i) what materials shall be accepted by  
15 a residential recycling program; or

16 (ii) the labeling of products.

17 (8) SCHOOL CURRICULUM.—The Administrator  
18 shall provide assistance to the educational commu-  
19 nity, including nonprofit organizations, such as an  
20 organization the science, technology, engineering,  
21 and mathematics program of which incorporates re-  
22 cycling, to promote the introduction of recycling  
23 principles and best practices into public school cur-  
24 ricula.

25 (9) REPORTS.—

1 (A) TO THE ADMINISTRATOR.—Not earlier  
2 than 180 days, and not later than 2 years, after  
3 the date on which a grant under the grant pro-  
4 gram is awarded to an eligible entity, the eligi-  
5 ble entity shall submit to the Administrator a  
6 report describing, by using the guide developed  
7 under paragraph (7)(A)(vii)—

8 (i) the change in volume of recycled  
9 material collected through the activities  
10 funded with the grant;

11 (ii) the change in participation rate of  
12 the recycling program funded with the  
13 grant;

14 (iii) the reduction of contamination in  
15 the recycling stream as a result of the ac-  
16 tivities funded with the grant; and

17 (iv) such other information as the Ad-  
18 ministrator determines to be appropriate.

19 (B) TO CONGRESS.—The Administrator  
20 shall submit to Congress an annual report de-  
21 scribing—

22 (i) the effectiveness of residential re-  
23 cycling programs awarded funds under the  
24 grant program, including statistics com-  
25 paring the quantity and quality of recycled



1 materials collected by those programs, as  
2 described in the reports submitted to the  
3 Administrator under subparagraph (A);  
4 and  
5 (ii) recommendations on additional ac-  
6 tions to improve residential recycling.

7 (c) FEDERAL PROCUREMENT.—Section 6002 of the  
8 Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6962) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (e), in the matter preceding  
10 paragraph (1), by striking “and from time to time,  
11 revise” and inserting “review not less frequently  
12 than once every 5 years, and, if appropriate, revise,  
13 in consultation with recyclers and manufacturers of  
14 products containing recycled content, not later than  
15 2 years after the completion of the initial review  
16 after the date of enactment of the Recycling En-  
17 hancements to Collection and Yield through Con-  
18 sumer Learning and Education Act of 2022 and  
19 thereafter, as appropriate”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(j) CONSULTATION AND PROVISION OF INFORMA-  
22 TION BY ADMINISTRATOR.—The Administrator shall—

23 “(1) consult with each procuring agency, in-  
24 cluding contractors of the procuring agency, to clar-

1       ify the responsibilities of the procuring agency under  
2       this section; and

3               “(2) provide to each procuring agency informa-  
4       tion on the requirements under this section and the  
5       responsibilities of the procuring agency under this  
6       section.

7       “(k) REPORTS.—The Administrator, in consultation  
8       with the Administrator of General Services, shall submit  
9       to Congress an annual report describing—

10               “(1) the quantity of federally procured recycled  
11       products listed in the guidelines under subsection  
12       (e); and

13               “(2) with respect to the products described in  
14       paragraph (1), the percentage of recycled material in  
15       each product.”.

16       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

17               (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
18       appropriated to the Administrator to carry out this  
19       section and the amendments made by this section  
20       \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through  
21       2026.

22               (2) REQUIREMENT.—Of the amount made  
23       available under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, not  
24       less than 10 percent shall be allocated to low-income

1 communities (as defined in section 45D(e) of the In-  
2 ternal Revenue Code of 1986).

3 (e) DEFINITION OF ADMINISTRATOR.—In this sec-  
4 tion, the term “Administrator” means the Administrator  
5 of the Environmental Protection Agency.

