Overview

This bill requires each county to inventory and prioritize surface dumps within its borders. The bill also establishes a grant program administered by the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) for the cleanup of dumps. The program applies to all surface dumps, whether publically or privately owned, and does not require that there be any known or suspected contamination to qualify for funding.

Section

1. Solid waste fund expenditures. Authorizes the PCA to expend money from the solid waste fund, subject to appropriation, for grants to counties to cleanup dumps.

2. Definitions. Defines "cleanup" to mean the removal of waste materials from a dump, an environmental assessment of a dump, or a cleanup of contamination at a dump. Defines "dump" as an unpermitted solid waste disposal site where mixed municipal solid waste has been placed on the surface of the land.

3. County dump inventory and ranking. Provides that counties may inventory and rank dumps in the county boundaries for cleanup by July 1, 2000. Includes criteria for the county to consider in ranking dumps.

4. Grant application. Authorizes counties, upon approval of the governing body, to apply for grants from the PCA for cleanup of dumps within the county. Includes information that must be included on the grant application.

5. Dump cleanup program. Authorizes the PCA to make grants to counties of up to an unspecified amount per dump for the purpose of cleaning up dump sites. Provides factors for the PCA to consider if the requests exceed the available money. Provides that money granted to a county may only be used for cleanup costs incurred after the award of the grant and may be used in part to fund disposal costs at a permitted landfill or other permitted waste disposal facility. Authorizes counties to conduct a cleanup of a dump in conjunction with the township or city where the dump is located. Requires the PCA to report to the legislature by January 1 of
each odd-numbered year on the status of cleanup projects funded by the grant program during
the previous two years.

6 Appropriation. Appropriates an unspecified amount of money to the PCA for fiscal years 2000
and 2001 from the solid waste fund for the purposes of making grants under this bill.

7 Effective date. Provides that sections 1 to 6 are effective the day following final enactment.