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House File 3095 amends the process by which a city or town may adopt an organized, i.e., publicly-operated, solid waste collection system:

- The alternatives that must be analyzed by a solid waste collection options committee organized to examine the desirability of moving to organized collection is broadened to include the existing system of collection and other collection systems not operated by the city or town.
- Analysis of any new system evaluated by an options committee must include impacts on residents' ability to choose a solid waste collector based on cost, services provided, and other factors, and the incremental impact of miles driven on city streets and alleys by collection vehicles.
- Before an options committee is convened:
  - City or town officials must meet with solid waste collectors and discuss waste collection issues, including pricing, street deterioration, and organized collection.
  - There must also be exclusive discussions and negotiations with licensed solid waste collectors to develop a proposal dividing the city into zones designated for specific collectors. The bill extends the length of time of these meetings from 60 days to "at least" 60 days.

The bill also amends the contents of an organized collection agreement by stipulating that it may not obligate a collector to bear any responsibility or liability for the actions of any other collector.