

House Bill 2

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, the "Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act," so as to create the  
3 Computer Equipment Disposal and Recycling Council; to state legislative findings and  
4 intent; to provide for the membership, powers, duties, and operations of the council; to  
5 provide for advisory functions and pilot programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the  
10 "Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act," is amended by inserting  
11 immediately after Code Section 12-8-33 a new Code Section 12-8-33.1 to read as follows:

12 "12-8-33.1.

13 (a) The General Assembly finds that improper disposal of computer equipment may  
14 present serious environmental threats. Computer equipment contains quantities of lead,  
15 mercury, other heavy metals, and plastics which when improperly disposed of can lead to  
16 environmental contamination. There is a rapidly growing stream of used computer  
17 equipment which should be recycled or disposed of in an appropriate manner. There is a  
18 shortage of existing programs and resources dedicated to such recycling and proper  
19 disposal.

20 (b) There is created the Computer Equipment Disposal and Recycling Council. The  
21 Council shall consist of three members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed  
22 by the Lieutenant Governor, and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives. Each member of the council shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing  
24 authority. The initial meeting of the council shall be at the call of the Governor, and the  
25 council shall thereafter elect its own officers and meet at the call of the chairperson or any  
26 three members.

1 (c) The council shall be attached for administrative purposes to the Department of Natural  
2 Resources which shall provide appropriate staff and facilities as needed by the council. The  
3 members of the council shall not be compensated for their service on the council but may  
4 be reimbursed from funds appropriated or otherwise available to the Department of Natural  
5 Resources for their actual and reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties as  
6 members of the council.

7 (d) The council shall have the following powers and duties:

8 (1) To investigate problems and concerns related to the disposal and recycling of  
9 computer equipment;

10 (2) To issue reports of its findings and recommendations as may be appropriate;

11 (3) To advise the General Assembly and state agencies with respect to legislative,  
12 regulatory, or other actions within its area of expertise;

13 (4) To accept and expend for its purposes any funds granted to the council by any agency  
14 of state or federal government or through private donations; and

15 (5) To develop and assist in the establishment of pilot programs and ongoing programs  
16 for the recycling and proper disposal of computer equipment."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.