

Senate Resolution 174

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**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on State Councils, Commissions, Boards, and  
2 Committees; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are numerous state created councils, commissions, boards, and  
4 committees; and

5 WHEREAS, these entities were authorized and funded by the State of Georgia over the years  
6 using tax dollars; and

7 WHEREAS, specifically, for each council, commission, board, and committee, there should  
8 be a determination whether the entity's original purpose is still viable, what the cost is to the  
9 state, and what the entity's mission is and whether it is being achieved; and

10 WHEREAS, it is likely that many of these entities have served their purpose or are simply  
11 unnecessary or duplicative and that valuable time and money can be saved by eliminating  
12 those; and

13 WHEREAS, the 2000 General Assembly began a process of review of those entities which  
14 could be eliminated and expressed the need for continuing such reviews.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
16 Study Committee on State Councils, Commissions, Boards, and Committees to be composed  
17 of six members to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The committee shall be  
18 representative of a broad cross section of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall  
19 designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall  
20 call all meetings of the committee.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a further study of the  
22 conditions, needs, issues, and problems related to the large number of state councils,

1 commissions, boards, and committees to determine whether there are any that can be  
2 eliminated without harm to the state or its citizens. The committee shall recommend any  
3 actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee  
4 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
5 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
6 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
7 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
8 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are  
9 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
10 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its  
11 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report  
12 shall be made on or before December 31, 2001. The committee shall stand abolished on  
13 December 31, 2001.