

## House Resolution 515

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Hartsfield-Atlanta Aviation Air Quality Impact Zone Study Committee;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, metropolitan Atlanta air quality continues to present an enormous  
4 environmental and public health problem as the region remains a nonattainment area,  
5 meaning air pollution levels persistently exceed the national ambient air quality standards  
6 adopted under the federal Clean Air Act; and

7 WHEREAS, the continuing problems of metropolitan Atlanta air quality have resulted in a  
8 series of lawsuits challenging the federal funding of new highway construction projects in  
9 the area; and

10 WHEREAS, the Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport is a very significant single source  
11 of harmful and legally problematic air emissions, even as the major source of such emissions,  
12 aircraft, are within the exclusive jurisdiction of federal agencies beyond state regulatory  
13 authority; and

14 WHEREAS, those areas near the airport suffer exceptional stresses from air quality  
15 impairments that are the very worst in the nonattainment area including noise pollution and  
16 automobile traffic congestion; and

17 WHEREAS, a large volume of harmful emissions in the Hartsfield Atlanta International  
18 Airport region are from state regulated motor vehicles; and

19 WHEREAS, it is possible to diminish to a great degree the negative air quality impact of  
20 motor vehicles by altering fuel choices and locations used for refueling, by the use of electric  
21 powered vehicles, and by other alterations in operations; and

1 WHEREAS, numerous opportunities for improving metro Atlanta air quality may be  
2 overlooked by a failure to address the Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport as a special  
3 enforcement zone presenting both unique problems and unique opportunities for solutions  
4 to such problems.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 there is created the House Hartsfield-Atlanta Aviation Air Quality Impact Zone Study  
7 Committee to be composed of seven members of the House of Representatives to be  
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House. The Speaker of the House shall designate a member  
9 of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of  
10 the committee.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
12 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action  
13 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The Environmental  
14 Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources shall assist the committee in its  
15 inquiries and in its development of possible solutions to such problems that may be  
16 identified. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it  
17 may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,  
18 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The  
19 members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8  
20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution  
21 shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless  
22 additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
23 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the  
24 event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions  
25 for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2001.  
26 The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2001.