

Senate Resolution 22

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Toxic Mold Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the problem of toxic mold in residential, public, and commercial buildings and  
3 the serious medical conditions, including death, that appear to be related to toxic mold are  
4 receiving increasing attention in our country; and
- 5 WHEREAS, growing infestations of mold have caused millions of dollars of damage to  
6 property and forced many homeowners to abandon their homes; and
- 7 WHEREAS, insurance coverage for damage due to mold growth is becoming an increasing  
8 concern for homeowners as some insurance companies are refusing to offer adequate  
9 coverage for mold damage; and
- 10 WHEREAS, there is an increasing need to examine the effects of different molds on human  
11 health and to develop accurate scientific information on the hazards presented by indoor  
12 mold; and
- 13 WHEREAS, guidelines are needed to help identify those conditions that facilitate indoor  
14 mold growth, permissible exposure limits, and steps that can be taken to prevent such  
15 growth; and
- 16 WHEREAS, currently there are no standards that address mold inspection, testing, and  
17 remediation; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the public needs to be educated about the dangers of indoor mold and how to  
19 avoid mold hazards, prevent mold growth, and respond appropriately when mold growth  
20 occurs.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
2 Toxic Mold Study Committee to be composed of five members of the Senate to be appointed  
3 by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate a member of the  
4 committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the  
5 committee.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
7 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
8 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
9 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
10 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
11 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
12 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
13 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are  
14 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from  
15 the funds appropriated to the Senate. The Governor and departments and agencies of the  
16 state are authorized and directed to provide assistance to the committee in the conduct of the  
17 study authorized by this resolution. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings  
18 and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be  
19 made on or before December 31, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished on December  
20 31, 2003.