

The House Committee on Public Utilities and Telecommunications offers the following substitute to HB 738:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 46-5-139 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Joint Study Committee on Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Charges, so as to reconstitute the Joint  
3 Study Committee on Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Charges; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 46-5-139 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Joint Study  
8 Committee on Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Charges, is amended by striking the Code section  
9 in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "46-5-139.

11 ~~Reserved.~~

12 Following the conclusion of the 2006 session of the General Assembly, the President of the  
13 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint no fewer than  
14 three members of their respective bodies to serve as members of the Joint Study Committee  
15 on Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Charges. The chairpersons of the House Committee on Public  
16 Utilities and Telecommunications and the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities  
17 Committee shall cochair the study committee. In addition, the Governor shall appoint five  
18 members representing the telecommunications industry. The committee shall review the  
19 current method of collecting 9-1-1 fees and shall investigate alternative methods of  
20 assessing and collecting fees equitably and equally. Such joint study committee shall make  
21 any recommendations it considers appropriate to the General Assembly no later than  
22 December 31, 2006. The General Assembly may implement the provisions of this Code  
23 section by appropriate resolution."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.