

## House Resolution 1858

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on State Recycling Initiatives; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the recycling market infrastructure in Georgia continues to grow, and Georgia  
3 is recognized as one of the most prominent recycling states in the nation; and
- 4 WHEREAS, there are many benefits to recycling, including the conservation of energy,  
5 water, and other natural resources; and
- 6 WHEREAS, recycling helps keep toxic materials from entering our landfills and reduces  
7 landfill gas emissions; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the purchase of recycled products can provide high quality, cost-effective  
9 products with environmental benefits; and
- 10 WHEREAS, purchase of such products will further promote Georgia's recycling  
11 infrastructure, will help meet performance expectations, and will compete favorably with  
12 regard to cost; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and its agencies, authorities, commissions, and colleges  
14 should be leaders in purchasing recycled materials, building a market for recycled products,  
15 and establishing and promoting recycling programs for paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum,  
16 and polystyrene, commonly known as styrofoam, products.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 there is created the House Study Committee on State Recycling Initiatives to be composed  
19 of not more than six members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives. Five members of the House of Representatives shall serve as members of  
21 the committee, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one of such  
22 members as chairperson. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
2 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
3 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
4 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 legislative members of the  
7 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official  
8 Code of Georgia Annotated. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution  
9 shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. The expenses and  
10 allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the  
11 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the  
12 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for  
13 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2008. The  
14 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2008.