

House Bill 310 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-8-36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state  
2 agency recycling and collection programs, so as to expand the state-wide recycling program  
3 for state agencies; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interests of the state to encourage recycling  
8 and that state agencies can contribute to recycling efforts in a meaningful way. The General  
9 Assembly further finds that this Act is intended to be a part of the campaign to Make  
10 Georgia's Capitol Green.

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Code Section 12-8-36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state agency  
13 recycling and collection programs, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

14 "(a) The Georgia Building Authority is authorized to establish and coordinate a state-wide  
15 recycling program for state agencies and to establish, engage in, contract for, or otherwise  
16 allow or arrange for a collection program for recovered materials generated as a result of  
17 agency operations, including, but not limited to, aluminum, ~~high-grade office~~ and steel  
18 cans, plastic and glass bottles, and all grades of paper, and including corrugated paper  
19 cardboard, and for the mulching or composting of yard trimmings. The Georgia Building  
20 Authority is authorized to establish procedures for the collection and storage of such  
21 materials from any property or building utilized by the state or any agency thereof and to  
22 enter into contractual or other arrangements for the transportation, disposition, or sale of  
23 such materials. Proceeds generated from such sale shall be used by the Georgia Building  
24 Authority for the purpose of offsetting the costs and expenses of administering and  
25 implementing the recycling program."

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**SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.