

Senate Resolution 265

By: Senator Ginn of the 47th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on State-Local Government Mandate Review; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has imposed numerous mandates on local governments  
4 which involve programs, reporting requirements, and regulations and procedures; and

5 WHEREAS, many of these mandates are wasteful, unneeded, unheeded, and out of date; and

6 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study these mandates to determine if they are still  
7 needed and are appropriately tailored to meet the needs of the state and local governments.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that there is  
9 created the Joint Study Committee on State-Local Government Mandate Review to be  
10 composed of three members of the Senate to be appointed by the chairman of the Senate  
11 State and Local Governmental Operations Committee, one of whom shall be of a different  
12 political party than such chairman, and three members of the House of Representatives to be  
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The chairman of the Senate State  
14 and Local Governmental Operations Committee shall designate a cochairperson from among  
15 the Senate appointees and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a  
16 cochairperson from among the House appointees. The committee shall meet at the call of  
17 the cochairpersons.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is created an advisory task force to be composed  
19 of representatives of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, the Georgia  
20 Municipal Association, and the Department of Community Affairs to provide staff support  
21 to the committee.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a comprehensive study  
23 and review of all state laws, programs, reporting requirements, regulations, and procedures

24 that impact county and municipal government operations to determine the current need for  
25 and effectiveness of such laws, programs, reporting requirements, regulations, and  
26 procedures and include in its final report any recommendations for changes to state law,  
27 changes to state agency rules or regulations, and any changes to ongoing reporting  
28 requirements. The committee may conduct its meetings at such places and at such times as  
29 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,  
30 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The  
31 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members  
32 of interim legislative committees from the funds appropriated to the Senate and House of  
33 Representatives but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless additional  
34 days are authorized. The committee is directed to make a report of its findings and  
35 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, not later than  
36 December 31, 2011. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2011.