

## House Resolution 496

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## 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5 WHEREAS, many of these mandates are wasteful, unneeded, unheeded, and out of date; and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 four members of the Senate to be appointed by the chairperson of the Senate  
11 State and Local Governmental Operations Committee, one of whom shall be of a different  
12 political party than such chairperson, and four members of the House of Representatives to  
13 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The chairperson of the Senate  
14 State and Local Governmental Operations Committee shall designate a cochairperson from  
15 among the Senate appointees and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate  
16 a 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, the Department of Community Affairs, the Georgia Association of  
21 Regional Commissions, and others as approved by the cochairpersons to provide staff  
22 support to the committee.

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