

The House Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs offers the following substitute to HR 496:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House 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5 WHEREAS, many of these mandates are wasteful, unneeded, unheeded, and out of date; and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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 there is created the House Study Committee on State-Local Government Mandate Review
10 to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
12 designate a chairperson from among the appointees. The committee shall meet at the call of
13 the chairperson.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is created an advisory task force to be composed
15 of representatives of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, the Georgia
16 Municipal Association, the Department of Community Affairs, the Georgia Association of
17 Regional Commissions, and others as approved by the chairperson to provide staff support
18 to the committee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a comprehensive study
20 and review of all state laws, programs, reporting requirements, regulations, and procedures
21 that impact county and municipal government operations relating to comprehensive planning,
22 developments of regional impact, and solid waste reporting requirements to determine the
23 current need for and effectiveness of such laws, programs, reporting requirements,

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