

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee offered the following substitute to SR 104:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Crematoria Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, with the price of funerals steadily increasing over the years, cremation has
3 become a growing trend for honoring loved ones after they have passed on; and

4 WHEREAS, with increased demand for cremations, more crematoria are being built outside
5 the traditional setting of a funeral home or cemetery, with some being located in industrial
6 parks or in or near residential areas; and

7 WHEREAS, various issues have arisen surrounding the placement of crematoriums in local
8 communities, including but not limited to, zoning and land use; and

9 WHEREAS, there are some health and safety concerns associated with crematoriums, such
10 as the operation of high combustion industrial ovens; noise levels; associated exhaust
11 emissions from the cremation process including nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur
12 dioxide, particulate matter, mercury, and dioxins; and odors; and some persons find there is
13 a stigma associated with living near a crematorium; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has determined that
15 crematoriums do not have to be regulated by that agency.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
17 Crematoria Study Committee to be composed of three members. The President of the Senate
18 shall appoint three members of the Senate as members of the committee and shall designate
19 one of such members as chairperson. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
20 committee.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
22 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action

23 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
24 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
25 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
26 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
27 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
28 Code of Georgia Annotated. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution
29 shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate. The expenses and allowances authorized
30 by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five
31 days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its
32 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
33 shall be made on or before December 1, 2011. The committee shall stand abolished on
34 December 1, 2011.