

Senate Resolution 525

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Staton of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Stoner of the 6th, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Erosion and Sediment Control Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia is blessed with bountiful resources, including clean water; and
- 3 WHEREAS, with increased demand for development, runoff from highway and other types
4 of construction can, if not properly controlled, dilute the purity of water resources throughout
5 the state; and
- 6 WHEREAS, environmental laws currently in place provide regulatory protection for our
7 water, but often carry penalties that can harm businesses and the jobs they create in this state;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Division often finds itself in the position of fining
10 state agencies, including the Department of Transportation, for violations of the existing
11 regulations; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the need exists for a comprehensive review of the current law, including the
13 amount of fines levied thereunder, with the intent of encouraging development and jobs, but
14 not at the cost of our clean water resources.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
16 Erosion and Sediment Control Study Committee to be composed of three members. The
17 President of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate as members of the
18 committee and shall designate one of such members as chairperson. The chairperson shall
19 call all meetings of the committee. Each of the three Senate members, in consultation with
20 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall invite a member of the House of
21 Representatives to serve on the committee on an ad hoc basis.

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