

## House Resolution 1362

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources  
2 to study the effects of exposure to crumb rubber surfaces on human health; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, thousands of athletic fields and playgrounds across the country are now  
5 constructed or infilled using crumb rubber from scrap tires; and

6 WHEREAS, little is known about the risks of crumb rubber to health and safety, especially  
7 to vulnerable populations such as toddlers and other participants who come in frequent  
8 contact with the rubber infill on synthetic turfs; and

9 WHEREAS, current studies on the health effects from exposure to crumb rubber have been  
10 incomplete assessments or do not accurately reflect actual playing conditions and exposure  
11 periods; and

12 WHEREAS, concerns have been expressed about the potential for negative impacts of  
13 increased contact with harmful constituents inherent in these crumb rubber particles; and

14 WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes that the public health of the citizens of the  
15 State of Georgia is of utmost importance and, when a potential threat is identified, it is  
16 incumbent upon the state to exercise due diligence in studying the potential hazard.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body encourage the Environmental Protection Division of the  
19 Department of Natural Resources to lead an independent inquiry into the health and  
20 environmental risks of crumb rubber surfaces, working with other relevant public health  
21 agencies and stakeholders, including the United States Consumer Product Safety  
22 Commission, to keep track of cancer incidences related to exposure to crumb rubber surfaces  
23 and to study any other health indicators that may be relevant to this issue.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
26 Governor of Georgia and the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the  
27 Department of Natural Resources.