

House Resolution 513

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Coal Ash; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, coal combustion residuals, commonly referred to as coal ash, are currently
3 being disposed of through placement in surface impoundments or landfills; and
- 4 WHEREAS, there may be beneficial industrial or commercial uses of coal combustion
5 byproducts that would eliminate the need for surface impoundment or landfill disposal; and
- 6 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to examine the following aspects pertaining to coal ash
7 disposal in Georgia:
- 8 (1) The effect of coal ash on human health and the environment with regard to its
9 containment and disposal;
- 10 (2) The costs and benefits of current methods of coal ash disposal;
- 11 (3) The potential for new applications of coal ash in industrial or commercial contexts;
12 and
- 13 (4) Any other matters related to the disposal or alternative use of coal ash in this state
14 which the committee deems relevant.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
- 16 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
17 on Coal Ash.
- 18 (2) **Members and officers.** The study committee shall be composed of eight members
19 of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
21 of the committee.
- 22 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
23 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
24 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

25 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
26 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
27 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
28 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

29 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
30 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
31 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
32 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
33 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
34 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

35 (6) **Report.**

36 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
37 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
38 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
39 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

40 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
41 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
42 of this paragraph.

43 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
44 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
45 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
46 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

47 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
48 House of Representatives copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
49 thereof.

50 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2017.