

House Resolution 1508

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Implementing a State of Georgia Climate Resilience  
2 Plan; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, climate hazards pose a significant risk to the health, safety, and welfare of  
4 Georgia's citizens and economy; and

5 WHEREAS, the state should implement a plan to ensure resiliency in the event of such  
6 climate hazards; and

7 WHEREAS, creating such a plan requires exploring climate hazards, assessing vulnerability  
8 and risks, investigating options, and identifying and prioritizing actions to be taken; and

9 WHEREAS, the General Assembly should study these matters in order to propose legislation  
10 to implement a State of Georgia Climate Resilience Plan.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

12 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
13 on Implementing a State of Georgia Climate Resilience Plan.

14 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of three members of the  
15 House of Representatives and two citizen members to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
16 House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as  
17 chairperson of the committee.

18 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,  
19 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
20 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

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

25 **(5) Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

26 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided  
27 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

28 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,  
29 or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the  
30 committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the  
31 performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they  
32 are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

33 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state  
34 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that  
35 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia  
36 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state  
37 employees.

38 (D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
39 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
40 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
41 appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement  
42 of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the  
43 reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated  
44 to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

45 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

57 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the  
58 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu  
59 thereof.

60 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2020.