

## House Resolution 319

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Landfills; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, many issues exist with regard to landfills in the State of Georgia; and
- 3 WHEREAS, it would prove useful to study local governmental siting of landfills and  
4 notifications provided by local governments to the state and the public upon becoming aware  
5 of proposed landfills; and
- 6 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the maintenance of landfills, process for closure  
7 of landfills, and maintenance and monitoring of closed landfills and to procure an inventory  
8 of the state's landfills both currently and historically; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a comparison of this state's experiences with landfills with the experiences of  
10 neighboring states could prove valuable.
- 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 Landfills.

14 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of four members of the  
15 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
16 and the chairperson of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment,  
17 who shall serve as chairperson of such 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 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) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
29 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
30 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
31 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

32 (6) **Report.**

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

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

40 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
41 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.

42 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with  
43 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

47 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2021.