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**REPORT OF THE
SENATE STUDY COMMITTEE ON STATE COUNCILS,
COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

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The Senate Study Committee on State Councils, Commissions, Boards and Committees

Creation and Duties

The Senate Study Committee on State Councils, Commissions, Boards, and Committees was created by Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor pursuant to Senate Resolution 152. The Study Committee was charged with reviewing the conditions, needs, issues, and problems related to the approximately 270 state councils, commissions, boards, and committees with the goal of determining whether 10 percent could be eliminated without harm to the state or its citizens.

Senator Tim Golden was appointed by Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor as the Committee's Chairman and other legislative members appointed to the Committee include Senator Gloria Butler, Senator Carol Jackson, Senator Mike Polak, Senator Richard J. Price, and Senator Charles B. Tanksley.

The Committee held one public meeting on November 27, 2000.

Committee Focus

Between July and November 2000, Senator Tim Golden began preliminary research and analysis of the over 270 state-created councils, commissions, boards, and committees with the assistance of the Senate Research Office, the Office of Planning and Budget, the Office of Legislative Counsel, and the Office of the Governor. The primary working document for research and analysis is a report submitted by the Office of Planning and Budget, entitled *State of Georgia Boards and Commissions*. This document provided the basic outline in which each entity was researched, discussed and analyzed for potential purging from the Code. This document contained a listing of each state-created entity, with a basic description of the function of the entity, number of members and staffing level, level of each entity's activity, budget and the mechanism by which each entity was created.

The preliminary research was conducted by Senate Research. The purpose of the research was to identify those entities whose mission or original purpose has been achieved; entities whose purpose or authority has been assumed by a different entity; entities which currently have no active membership or staffing; and entities in which there are no current budget expenditures. The Office of the Governor provided updated information on entities created by Executive Order. The Office of Legislative Counsel provided information and feedback concerning a review process for state-created entities.

Committee Recommendation

The Committee met on November 27, 2000, and reviewed the research results presented by Senate Research Office. From the research presented, the Committee recommends that 17 statutorily created entities be purged from the Code, and 25 entities created by Executive Order be purged. Abolition of these entities will, at a minimum, save the State of Georgia approximately \$100,000.00, annually. (If each committee, board or commission were to meet quarterly, the cost to the State for per diem alone would amount to approximately \$100,000.)

The Committee also expressed its concern that there is presently no mechanism available to provide for a meaningful Sunset to the various boards, commissions or committees. Because of this concern, the Committee recommends that in the future, whenever a statutory new board, committee, or commission is created, the enabling legislation also contain a sunset date, where appropriate.

The following list includes those entities that are not active and/or are have been determined as not fulfilling the original purpose or achieving the entity’s mission. The listing also includes those entities originally created by Executive Order and entities that by law have expired, but have not been deleted from the Georgia Code.

The percentage breakdown is as follows:

Purged Entities (Potential)	17	6.3 %
Executive Orders	25	9.2%
Expired Entities	16	6.0%
Total	58	21.5%

Note: The total percentage of entities that may be purged from the Code exceeds the 10 percent goal recommended by Senate Resolution 152.

Purged Entities (Potential)

Code

Advisory Board on Amusement Ride Safety	34-12-3
Advisory Board of Carnival Ride Safety	34-11-3
Aquaculture Development Commission	27-4-253
Board of Boiler & Pressure Vessel Rules	34-11-3
Council on the Deaf	300-1-4
Environmental Education Council	20-2-322.1
Franklin D. Roosevelt Warm Springs Pools & Springs Site Commission	12-3-131
Georgia Education Leadership Academy Advisory Board	20-2-231
Georgia Education Trust, Board of Directors	20-3-609
Georgia Forest Research Council	12-6-114
Georgia Hall of Fame Commission	50-12-110
Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Authority	12-8-102
Georgia Suggestion System, Awards Committee	50-31-7
Health Care Personnel Policy Advisory Commission	31-37-2
Southeast River Basins Resources Advisory Board	12-5-330
Upper Savannah River Development Authority	12-3-401
Workers Compensation Advisory Council	34-9-40.1

Executive Orders

	<u>Date</u>
Correctional Institutions and Correctional Population, Governor's Task Force on	08/21/92
Debt Management Advisory Committee	02/25/93
DUI Task Force, Governor's Statewide	06/26/92
Electronic Data Processing Review Committee	05/01/91
Emergency Response Commission, State	09/18/91
Employment of Handicapped Persons, Governor's Committee on	01/23/89
Family Planning, Special Council on	09/13/91
Forest Lands Technical Advisory Commission	01/10/92
Georgia P-16 Council	10/01/98
Higher Education Roundtable	02/21/91
International Advisory Council	05/20/92
Judicial Advisory Council	07/01/97
National and Community Service, Georgia Commission for	08/14/92
Personnel Administration Advisory Council	05/03/96
Public Education Funding Formula, Governor's Task Force on	11/18/93
Science and Technology Development, Governor's Advisory Council	06/08/95
Southern Wood Piedmont Company Residents, Governor's Task Force for	02/14/92
Strike Force Control Board, Governor's	11/02/93
Welfare Reform Task Force, Georgia	08/17/92
Workforce Development Policy Council on	06/07/95
Workforce, Georgia 21 Commission on	11/02/88
Workforce Policy and Planning Council, Georgia	05/27/98
Y2K Citizen's Task Force, Georgia	03/05/99
Y2K Citizen Task Force	03/05/99
Y2K Interagency Task Force	03/05/99

Expired Entities

Blue Ribbon Commission on State Government Facilities	HR 742	(1998)
Boat and Motor Title and Ad Valorem Taxation Study Committee	SR 569	(2000)
Celebration of 250 Years of Representative Government, Committee	HR 1208	(2000)
Certified Professional Midwifery, House Study Committee on	HR 0032	(2000)
Commissions Boards and Committees, Study Commission on	SR 152	(2000)
Development Council, Governor's	SB 57	(1999)
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Network Governing Board	O.C.G.A.	50-5-196
DUI Study Commission, Georgia	SR 134	(2000)
Historic Local Government Records, Joint Study Committee on	HR 1011	(2000)
Indigent Care Trust Fund Study Committee	SR 35	(2000)
Linked Deposit Loan Programs, Study Committee on	SR 351	(2000)
Petroleum Industry Study Committee	SR 644	(2000)
Psychiatric Medication for Children, Joint Study Commission on	HR 1079	(2000)
Scope of Health Care Practice Study Committee	SR 123	(2000)
Teacher Morale Study Committee	SR 618	(2000)
Tourism Advertising Study Commission	HR 1237	(2000)

This report was adopted by the members of the Senate Study Committee on State Councils, Commissions, Boards, and Committees on November 27, 2000.

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