

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 344

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A RESOLUTION to direct the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) to study the overall effects of illegal waste tire dumps in Tennessee.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) is directed to perform a study of the overall effects of illegal waste tire dumps within the boundaries of the State of Tennessee in an effort to better understand the adverse impacts of tire dumps on the environment, review current waste tire recycling methods, and assess potential preventative measures to curb the practice of illegal tire dumping.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study shall focus on the following topics:

(1) Health risks of waste tire dumps to the general public, including diseases carried by mosquitoes, rodents, and other pests that live within or potentially flock to illegal waste tire dumps;

(2) Effects of burning or igniting fires at waste tire dumps, including the length and duration of tire fires, effects of residue left behind by tire fires, and health effects of air pollution from tire fires;

(3) Modern recycling methods for waste tires, including shredding, pyrolysis, and other recycling methods;

(4) Recyclable alternatives to dumping tires or placing tires in landfills, including building materials for roads and highways; construction material for Tennessee State Park trails; mulching alternatives for schools and playgrounds; barriers for reefs, riversides, sandbars, and other applicable waterway facets; and fuel sources for manufacturing companies;

(5) Waste tire dumping prevention strategies, including extra policing efforts and heavier fines and penalties; and

(6) Incentive initiatives for tire recycling practices, including buyback programs through state and local resources and tire redemption programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the study, TACIR shall report all facts and findings to the chairs of the Senate Energy, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee, the Senate State and Local Committee, the Senate Health Committee, the Senate Transportation Committee, the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, the House State Government Committee, the House Health and Welfare Committee, and the House Transportation Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the executive director of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.