

Senate Resolution 214

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Dolezal of the 27th, Jones of the 25th, Harbin of the 16th and others

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Urging state agencies and departments to publish or deliver their reports to the General  
2 Assembly by electronic means whenever possible; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is a duty of this body to manage the resources of the state; and

4 WHEREAS, as stewards of taxpayer funds, it is our responsibility to conserve resources and  
5 eliminate waste wherever possible; and

6 WHEREAS, we urge state agencies and departments to review their processes for delivering  
7 reports, whether required by statute or voluntarily produced; and

8 WHEREAS, in order to conserve taxpayer resources, we urge all state agencies and  
9 departments to take advantage of the "digital age" and publish annual reports on their  
10 websites when feasible; and

11 WHEREAS, those agencies and departments required by law to submit reports to the General  
12 Assembly shall deliver reports by electronic means wherever possible in order to facilitate  
13 a decrease in physical hard copy reports, thereby cutting department expenditures and further  
14 protecting the resources of the citizens of this state; and

15 WHEREAS, when the agency or department is not required to distribute copies of an annual  
16 report to members of the General Assembly but is required to notify members of the  
17 availability of the annual report, it should do so in the manner which it deems to be most  
18 effective and efficient.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 urge state agencies and departments to publish or deliver reports to the General Assembly  
21 by electronic means whenever possible, notwithstanding any law to the contrary requiring  
22 reports to be delivered by physical hard copy.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the state agencies  
25 and departments of the State of Georgia.