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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1416*

Sponsors: Senator Bingham.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION
2 TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS ON HUMAN HEALTH.

3 Whereas, the United States Senate and House of Representatives have introduced
4 the Safe Chemicals Act of 2010 to ensure that health risks from chemicals are adequately
5 understood and managed; and

6 Whereas, awareness and understanding of the complexity of the environmental
7 impacts on human health are still growing; and

8 Whereas, environmental factors have been implicated in the onset and exacerbation
9 of numerous chronic and acute health problems such as diabetes, infertility, and kidney disease;
10 and

11 Whereas, there are growing suspicions in the scientific community that one of the
12 causes of the growing epidemic of autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) may be toxins in the
13 environment; and

14 Whereas, a growing number of studies indicate a strong link between environmental
15 exposures and cancer; and

16 Whereas, these diseases and disorders occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic
17 groups; and

18 Whereas, the diagnosis and treatment of these diseases and disorders place a huge
19 financial burden on families, health insurers, and public assistance programs; Now, therefore,
20 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

21 **SECTION 1.** The Environmental Review Commission shall study the impact of
22 environmental toxins on human health and report its findings and recommendations, including
23 any proposals for legislation or administrative action, to the General Assembly no later than the
24 convening of the 2012 Session of the 2011 General Assembly. The findings and
25 recommendations shall include all of the following:

- 26 (1) A survey of legislation in other states that ban toxins and chemicals, along
27 with an assessment of the effectiveness of the legislation.
- 28 (2) A survey of how other states have set up entities within state government to
29 review and regulate toxins and chemicals that have or will be introduced into
30 the stream of commerce.
- 31 (3) A review of incentives proposed or enacted in other states to promote the
32 growth of the green chemistry sector, including a special analysis of
33 documented environmental, public health, and economic benefits, including
34 job creation, within the states.

35 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.



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