

Senate Bill 346

By: Senators Beach of the 21st and Mullis of the 53rd

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the  
2 "Environmental Policy Act," so as to exempt certain projects for the construction or  
3 improvement of public roads or airports from environmental evaluation and environmental  
4 effects reports in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;  
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the  
9 "Environmental Policy Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:  
10 "12-16-9.  
11 When a project of a department, municipality, county, or authority to construct or improve  
12 a public road or airport does not exceed \$100 million in costs, such project shall not  
13 constitute a proposed governmental action which may significantly adversely affect the  
14 quality of the environment and the requirements of this article shall not be applicable,  
15 except that an environmental evaluation shall be considered in the decision-making  
16 process, consistent with paragraph (3) of Code Section 12-16-2, when it is probable to  
17 expect significant adverse impact on historical sites or buildings and cultural resources."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.