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Southern Regional Commission Act of 2003

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Southern Regional Commission Act of 2003 - Establishes a Southern Regional Commission to: (1) develop plans and programs to establish priorities and approve grants aimed at breaking the cycle of persistent poverty in the area consisting of specified counties in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia (the region) by increasing the capacity of individuals to participate in the economy and build wealth; (2) establish priorities in a targeted strategy for the region (regional development plan); (3) use the findings of Phase I of the Study on Persistent Poverty in the South, prepared by the University of Georgia, and assess any needs and capital assets of the region that are not addressed by the study based on available research, demonstration projects, assessments, and evaluations; (4) enhance the capacity of and provide support for local development districts in the region; (5) support and enhance State resources and activities designed to address persistent poverty; (6) promote multi jurisdictional efforts at the local level intended to maximize local resources; (7) support community-based efforts designed to address persistent poverty; (8) encourage private investment in industrial, commercial, and other economic development projects in the region; and (9) engage land-grant colleges and universities to provide research support for each State included in the region.

Authorizes the Commission to: (1) approve grants to States and public and nonprofit entities for economic development projects; and (2) make grants to local development districts to pay administrative expenses.

Requires: (1) State members to submit development plans to the Commission; and (2) the Governor of each member State to submit annually a strategy statement describing the State's program for achieving identified goals and objectives.

Sets forth criteria for ranking projects to receive assistance. Requires the Commission to review State and regional and multi state subregional development plans.

Actions Timeline

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