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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

*Introduced by:* **Wolkins**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the Environmental Quality Services Council to determine the best framework for controlling ground level ozone formation.

*Whereas, The federal government has established a new, more stringent standard for ground level ozone;*

*Whereas, Traditionally, controls designed to achieve the standard were imposed only in areas immediately adjacent to monitors that registered non-attainment;*

*Whereas, A limited monitoring system is employed to determine whether or not an area is in attainment with the standard;*



*Whereas, We now know that chemicals that contribute to ozone formation are produced everywhere and influence ozone levels many miles away;*

*Whereas, Limited monitoring shows that six Indiana counties did not attain the old ozone standard, and that at least thirty-three counties are at risk of not attaining the new standard;*

*Whereas, If monitors were placed throughout Indiana and other states, they would show nearly all areas fail to attain the standard or are contributing to non-attainment in another area;*

*Whereas, Non-attainment areas are placed at a severe economic disadvantage in comparison with attainment areas because industries that emit chemicals that contribute to ozone formation cannot expand or locate in ozone non-attainment areas;*

*Whereas, Current state and federal goals with regard to ozone reduction are in conflict with each other;*

*Whereas, The consequences of a piecemeal approach to resolution of the issue may well leave Indiana's urban areas subject to severe economic restrictions, when a broader, less onerous national or regional strategy would produce greater benefits; and*

*Whereas, Wise resolution of the issues involved with ozone attainment may require legislative involvement, and clearly requires a broad view of national and state initiatives: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. The Environmental Quality Service Council undertake the task of determining, for Indiana, the framework for the best national, state and regional strategy for controlling ground level ozone formation. In developing the framework, the Council shall:

Define the extent of the problem;



Identify characteristics of ozone formation;  
Identify sources of chemicals that contribute to ozone formation;  
Identify the impact of those sources;  
Identify the state of information regarding the information and transport of ozone and the affect of various controls on its formation;  
Examine the assumptions that underlie current federal and state control strategies;  
Consider the relative merits of national, regional, statewide and local controls; and  
Consider methods of developing certainty that policies and strategies will be reliable for at least 5 years increments.

SECTION 2. The Environmental Quality Service Council shall make a report of its findings to the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate along with any legislative recommendations it chooses to make by November 1, 1999.

