

1 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.161**

2 (By Delegates Butcher and Williams)

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7 Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the
8 apiculture industry in West Virginia to identify potential
9 avenues to further develop and promote the state's bee-keeping
10 industry and enhance the development of disease and mite
11 resistant bees.

12 WHEREAS, Bees are vital to our state's agriculture and wildife,
13 providing the pollenation of fruit trees, vegetables, flowers and
14 forests; and

15 WHEREAS, The bee-keeping industry is critical to the economy of
16 our state; and

17 WHEREAS, Disease and insects pose serious threats to the bee-
18 keeping industry; and

19 WHEREAS, Issues affecting the apiculture industry should be
20 researched, analyzed and explored to ensure that the bee-keeping
21 industry remains a productive, profitable industry in West Virginia
22 and to explore avenues to provide for the development of disease
23 and mite resistant bees; and therefore be it

24 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

25 That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby

1 requested to conduct a study on apiculture industry in West
2 Virginia to identify potential avenues to further develop and
3 promote the state's bee-keeping industry and enhance the
4 development of disease and mite resistant bees; and, be it

5 *Further Resolved,* That the Joint Committee on Government and
6 Finance report to the Legislature, on the first day of the regular
7 session, 2012 on its findings, conclusions and recommendations
8 together with drafts of any legislation to effectuate its
9 recommendations; and, be it

10 *Further Resolved,* That the expenses necessary to conduct this
11 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be
12 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on
13 Government and Finance.