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SENATE BILL DRS35351-MQa-145

Short Title: Affordable Housing Act.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Chaudhuri, Robinson, and McKissick (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE WORKFORCE HOUSING  
3 LOAN PROGRAM AND THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING TRUST FUND AND TO  
4 DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY AFFORDABLE  
5 HOUSING ISSUES IN THE STATE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-5-2, there is appropriated from the  
8 General Fund to the Housing Finance Agency the sum of thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000)  
9 in recurring funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to be used for the Workforce Housing Loan  
10 Program, established under G.S. 122A-5.15.

11 **SECTION 1.(b)** Notwithstanding any provision of law in S.L. 2017-57, or in the  
12 Committee Report described in Section 39.2 of that act, to the contrary, the appropriation to the  
13 Housing Finance Agency for the Workforce Housing Loan Program in Fund Code 1100 is  
14 decreased by twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal  
15 year, and all totals are hereby adjusted accordingly.

16 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-5-2, there is appropriated from the  
17 General Fund to the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund the sum of seven million seven hundred  
18 thousand dollars (\$7,700,000) in additional recurring funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to be  
19 administered in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 122E of the General Statutes.

20 **SECTION 3.(a)** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study affordable  
21 housing issues in this State. As part of its study, the LRC shall do all of the following:

- 22 (1) Study the impact of local government zoning regulations and other ordinances  
23 upon the availability of affordable housing.
- 24 (2) Study current State and local programs designed to assist local governments  
25 and other entities in enhancing the availability of affordable housing in this  
26 State.
- 27 (3) Study best practices and other jurisdictions' approaches to creating affordable  
28 housing opportunities.
- 29 (4) Make legislative recommendations resulting from its findings from this study.

30 **SECTION 3.(b)** The LRC shall make a final report on its study of affordable housing  
31 to the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly upon its convening or January 15, 2019,  
32 whichever occurs first.

33 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2018.



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