| Short Title: | Authorize Teacher-Gov't Emp'ee Housing/Bertie. | (Local) |
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March 19, 2019

1     A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BERTIE COUNTY TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE RENTAL
3     HOUSING UNITS TO TEACHERS AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
4     EMPLOYEES.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6         **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes,
7 or any other provision of law, and subject to the restrictions set out in this act, the County of
8 Bertie may contract with any person, partnership, corporation, or other business entity to
9 construct, provide, or maintain affordable rental housing on property owned by the County.
10        **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes,
11 or any other provision of law, the County of Bertie may, pursuant to this act, enter into contracts
12 to manage, lease, and maintain rental housing units constructed pursuant to Section 1 of this act,
13 and may enter into residential housing unit lease agreements for housing units owned by the
14 County. The County shall restrict the rental of such units exclusively to Bertie County Public
15 Schools teachers and employees, unless units cannot be filled by Bertie County Public Schools
16 teachers and employees in which case units shall be rented to Bertie County employees, Town
17 of Windsor employees, or State employees residing in Bertie County, during the period of time
18 any teacher or employee is employed by the State or local government. The Board shall have the
19 authority to establish reasonable rents for housing units and may in its discretion charge
20 below-market rates.
21        **SECTION 3.** This act shall not exempt any affordable housing units constructed,
22 provided, maintained, or leased pursuant to this act from compliance with applicable building
23 codes, zoning ordinances, or any other health and safety statutes, rules, or regulations.
24        **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.