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SENATE BILL DRS35085-NG-44\*

Short Title: Allow Durham Public Schls to Provide Housing. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Woodard and Murdock (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
3 TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER  
4 EMPLOYEES OF DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding G.S. 66-58, G.S. 115C-518, and Article 12 of  
7 Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or any other provision of law, and subject to the restrictions  
8 set out in this act, the Durham Public Schools Board of Education may contract with any person,  
9 partnership, corporation, or other business entity to construct, provide, or maintain affordable  
10 rental housing on property owned by the Durham Public Schools Board of Education or by  
11 Durham County.

12 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding G.S. 66-58, G.S. 115C-518, and Article 12 of  
13 Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or any other provision of law, the Durham Public Schools  
14 Board of Education may, pursuant to this act, enter into residential housing unit lease agreements  
15 for housing units owned by the Board. The Board shall restrict the rental of such units exclusively  
16 to Durham Public Schools teachers or other Durham Public Schools employees. The Board shall  
17 have the authority to establish reasonable rents for housing units and may in its discretion charge  
18 below-market rates.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall not exempt any affordable housing units constructed,  
20 provided, maintained, or leased pursuant to this act from compliance with applicable building  
21 codes, zoning ordinances, or any other health and safety statutes, rules, or regulations.

22 SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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