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SENATE BILL DRS15260-NK-70

Short Title: Housing Studies-Barriers and Homelessness.

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Sponsors: Senator Waddell (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE
3 NEEDS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO MITIGATE HOUSING BARRIERS FOR
4 INDIVIDUALS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS AND TO MITIGATE HOMELESSNESS
5 IN THE STATE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study the issue
8 of housing discrimination and housing barriers for individuals with criminal records in the State.

9 As part of its study, the LRC shall do all of the following:

- 10 (1) Examine existing housing barriers for individuals with criminal records in the
11 State.
12 (2) Examine existing housing discrimination against individuals with criminal
13 records in the State.
14 (3) Examine the challenges facing individuals with criminal records, including
15 financial, social, and logistical challenges.
16 (4) Any other matters the LRC deems relevant to its efforts.

17 **SECTION 1.(b)** The LRC shall report its findings, together with any proposed
18 legislation, to the 2024 Regular Session of the 2023 General Assembly upon its convening.

19 **SECTION 2.(a)** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study the issue
20 of homelessness in the State.

21 As part of its study, the LRC shall do all of the following:

- 22 (1) Examine the current availability of housing in metropolitan and rural areas of
23 the State.
24 (2) Identify existing federal, State, and local subsidies, grants, and other
25 incentives and programs available to increase the availability of housing, the
26 extent to which the subsidies, grants, and other incentives and programs are
27 utilized, and the successfulness of their usage in increasing the availability of
28 housing.
29 (3) Examine the challenges for individuals facing homelessness and those in need
30 of housing, including financial, social, and logistical challenges.
31 (4) Assess the ability of local governments to leverage existing laws and
32 resources, including partnering with nonprofit and for-profit entities, to
33 decrease homelessness.
34 (5) Examine the best practices of other states in decreasing homelessness.



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- 1 (6) Examine any unique challenges faced by local governments across the State
2 resulting from differences in economic prosperity and considering the
3 differences between the metropolitan and rural areas of the State.
4 (7) Any other matters the LRC deems relevant to its efforts.
5 **SECTION 2.(b)** The LRC shall report its findings, together with any proposed
6 legislation, to the 2024 Regular Session of the 2023 General Assembly upon its convening.
7 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.