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SENATE BILL DRS35398-MV-29B

Short Title: Authorize Teacher-Gov't Emp'ee Housing/Bertie. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Smith (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE WINDSOR TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
3 AND BERTIE COUNTY TO COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE RENTAL
4 HOUSING UNITS TO TEACHERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Chapter 559 of the 1965 Session Laws, as amended by
7 Chapter 456 of the 1969 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 "Section 2.1. Notwithstanding G.S. 66-58 and the provisions of Chapter 153A and Chapter
9 160A of the General Statutes, the Windsor Township Development Commission shall have
10 additional authority as follows:

11 (1) To acquire and hold title to real and personal property for public purposes,
12 including for the purpose of constructing and maintaining affordable rental
13 housing units for Bertie County Schools teachers and employees, Bertie
14 County employees, Town of Windsor employees, and State employees
15 residing in Bertie County.

16 (2) To borrow money and incur debt under terms the Windsor County
17 Development Commission deems reasonable, whether secured or unsecured,
18 for public purposes, including for the purpose of constructing and maintaining
19 affordable rental housing units for Bertie County Schools teachers and
20 employees, Bertie County employees, Town of Windsor employees, and State
21 employees residing in Bertie County.

22 (3) To enter into leases, management agreements, or similar arrangements with
23 Bertie County for the County to manage, lease, and maintain rental housing
24 units constructed pursuant to this section.

25 (4) To accept grants or donations of money contributed for public purposes."

26 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 153A and Chapter 160A of
27 the General Statutes and subject to the restrictions set out in this act, Bertie County may enter
28 into leases, management agreements, or similar arrangements with the Windsor Township
29 Development Commission for the County to manage, lease, and maintain rental housing units
30 constructed pursuant to Section 1 of this act. Bertie County shall restrict the rental of such units
31 to Bertie County Public Schools teachers and employees, unless units cannot be filled by Bertie
32 County Public Schools teachers and employees in which case units shall be rented to Bertie
33 County employees, Town of Windsor employees, or State employees residing in Bertie County.

34 **SECTION 3.** This act shall not exempt any affordable rental housing units
35 constructed or leased pursuant to this act from compliance with applicable building codes, zoning
36 ordinances, or other health and safety statutes, rules, or regulations.



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