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HOUSE BILL 859

Short Title: Local Govts/Guaranteed Income Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Huneycutt.

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April 10, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT PROHIBITING COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING
GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 6 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 153A-145.13. Guaranteed income programs prohibited.

Unless expressly authorized by general or local law, a county shall not adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, or policy that has the purpose or effect of making a payment to an individual under a guaranteed income program. For purposes of this section, the term "guaranteed income program" means a program under which an individual is issued an unconditional cash payment on a regular basis to be used for any purpose by the individual. The term does not include a program under which an individual is required to seek reemployment, perform work, or attend training as a condition of a cash payment."

SECTION 2. Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 160A-205.8. Guaranteed income programs prohibited.

Unless expressly authorized by general or local law, a city shall not adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, or policy that has the purpose or effect of making a payment to an individual under a guaranteed income program. For purposes of this section, the term "guaranteed income program" means a program under which an individual is issued an unconditional cash payment on a regular basis to be used for any purpose by the individual. The term does not include a program under which an individual is required to seek reemployment, perform work, or attend training as a condition of a cash payment."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

