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SENATE BILL 271*

Short Title: Affordable Housing for Local Employees. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Snow.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BREVARD, THE TOWN OF ROSMAN, TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY, AND THE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSTRUCT AND PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR CITY AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLTEACHERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 66-58, G.S. 115C-518, Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or any other provision of law, and subject to the restrictions set out in this section, the City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, Transylvania County, and the Transylvania County Board of Education may enter into a joint venture, land trust, or similar arrangement to construct and provide affordable housing on property owned by the City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, Transylvania County, or the Transylvania County Board of Education.

SECTION 1.(b) Notwithstanding G.S. 66-58, G.S. 115C-518, Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or any other provision of law, this section authorizes the City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, Transylvania County, and the Transylvania County Board of Education to convey property they own to such partnership, joint venture, land trust, or similar entity for the purposes of constructing, providing, and maintaining affordable housing for employees of the City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, Transylvania County, and Transylvania County schoolteachers, and, if units remain available, to Transylvania County Schools' professional staff. The City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, Transylvania County, and the Transylvania County Board of Education shall not transfer to the partnership, joint venture, land trust, or other entity created pursuant to this act, property acquired on or after the effective date of this act through the exercise of eminent domain.

SECTION 1.(c) Notwithstanding G.S. 66-58, G.S. 115C-518, Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or any other provision of law, the City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, Transylvania County, and the Transylvania County Board of Education, or the partnership, joint venture, land trust, or similar entity referenced above may contract with any person, partnership, corporation, or other business entity to finance, construct, or maintain such affordable housing.

SECTION 1.(d) Notwithstanding G.S. 66-58, G.S. 115C-518, Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or any other provision of law, the City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, Transylvania County, and the Transylvania County Board of Education, or the partnership, joint venture, land trust, or similar entity referenced above may rent or sell such housing units for residential use; provided that the rental or sale of such units is exclusively restricted to employees of the City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, and Transylvania County, and to Transylvania County schoolteachers, and, if units remain not leased or sold, to



1 Transylvania County Schools' professional staff; provided further that, while the housing units
2 may be rented or sold, the land may only be leased and not sold. The City of Brevard, the Town
3 of Rosman, Transylvania County, and the Transylvania County Board of Education, or the
4 partnership, joint venture, land trust, or similar entity referenced above shall have the authority
5 to establish reasonable rents or sales prices for any such housing units and may in their
6 discretion charge below-market rates and offer below-market financing. The City of Brevard,
7 the Town of Rosman, Transylvania County, and the Transylvania County Board of Education,
8 or the partnership, joint venture, land trust, or similar entity referenced above may also place
9 reasonable restrictions and buyback provisions on the resale of the housing units to maintain
10 the purposes set forth in this section.

11 **SECTION 1.(e)** This section shall not exempt any affordable housing units
12 constructed pursuant to this act from compliance with applicable building codes, zoning
13 ordinances, or any other health and safety statutes, rules, or regulations.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.