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SENATE BILL 504

Short Title: Durham Anti-Sweatshop Requirements. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators McKissick; and Atwater.

Referred to: State and Local Government.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DURHAM TO GRANT THE
3 CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE THE CITY'S ANTI-SWEATSHOP
4 REQUIREMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR CITY CONTRACTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 84.4 of the Charter of the City of Durham, being Chapter 671
7 of the 1975 Session Laws, as amended by S.L. 2000-47, reads as rewritten:

8 "Section 84.4. **Anti-Sweatshop Requirements.** (a) The City Council may establish, agree
9 to, and comply with anti-sweatshop requirements by including the requirements in the
10 specifications for contracts to purchase or rent apparel or textiles and awarding bids pursuant to
11 G.S. 143-129 and G.S. 143-131, if applicable, to the lowest responsible bidders meeting these
12 and other specifications. Anti-sweatshop requirements may include:

- 13 (1) Prohibitions against violations of applicable law or regulation, forced labor,
14 or employment of children; and
15 (2) The disclosure of:
16 a. The locations and ownership of the manufacturing company where
17 the apparel or textiles are made, finished, packed, or otherwise
18 processed;
19 b. Compensation to workers; and
20 c. Any other information necessary and proper for the enforcement of
21 other anti-sweatshop requirements and not in violation of any other
22 State law.

23 (a1) The City Council may, on any terms it deems proper, authorize the City Manager or
24 the City Manager's designee to include anti-sweatshop requirements authorized in subsection
25 (a) of this section in the specifications for contracts to purchase or rent apparel or textiles and to
26 award bids to the lowest responsible bidders meeting these and other specifications.

27 (b) The authority granted by this section is in addition to, and not in derogation of, any
28 other authority granted by this Charter or any other law."

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

