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SENATE BILL 8

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

Sponsors: Senators Smith (Primary Sponsor); and Lowe.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

January 31, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE WINDSOR TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND BERTIE COUNTY TO COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING UNITS TO TEACHERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

- (1) To acquire and hold title to real and personal property for public purposes, including for the purpose of constructing and maintaining affordable rental housing units for Bertie County Schools teachers and employees, Bertie County employees, Town of Windsor employees, and State employees residing in Bertie County.
- (2) To borrow money and incur debt under terms the Windsor County Development Commission deems reasonable, whether secured or unsecured, for public purposes, including for the purpose of constructing and maintaining affordable rental housing units for Bertie County Schools teachers and employees, Bertie County employees, Town of Windsor employees, and State employees residing in Bertie County.
- (3) To enter into leases, management agreements, or similar arrangements with Bertie County for the County to manage, lease, and maintain rental housing units constructed pursuant to this section.
- (4) To accept grants or donations of money contributed for public purposes."

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

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



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