

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 2281**

Short Title: Teacher Housing Pilot Program Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin, Yongue (Primary Sponsors); Brisson, Bryant, Cotham, Faison, Fisher, Hughes, Insko, Sutton, Underhill, Wainwright, and Womble.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 21, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A TEACHER HOUSING PILOT  
2 PROGRAM.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Rural  
6 Economic Development Center the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars  
7 (\$1,500,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year for a teacher housing pilot project. The pilot  
8 program shall be located in four local school administrative units.

9 **SECTION 1.(b)** The purpose of the pilot program is to provide an  
10 innovative housing program that allows for affordable housing so that teachers will be  
11 financially able to locate in rural areas.

12 **SECTION 1.(c)** Under the program, a teacher participating in the pilot  
13 program shall receive equity in a home if the teacher remains in the program for five  
14 years.

15 **SECTION 1.(d)** The Rural Economic Development Center shall consult  
16 with the Department of Public Instruction, the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency,  
17 and representatives of local school administrative units in designing details of the pilot  
18 program.

19 **SECTION 2.(a)** Of the funds appropriated under this act, the Rural  
20 Economic Development Center may use up to twenty percent (20%) for the costs of  
21 developing, administering, and evaluating the program. Of these funds, the Center may  
22 use an amount equal to no more than five percent (5%) of the funds appropriated under  
23 this act for its administrative costs.

24 **SECTION 2.(b)** The Rural Economic Development Center may contract  
25 with State agencies, nonprofit organizations, community development corporations, or  
26 individuals with specific expertise in residential real estate, homeownership, homebuyer

1 counseling, housing finance, teacher recruitment and retention to carry out parts of the  
2 pilot program.

3           **SECTION 2.(c)** The Rural Economic Development Center may contract  
4 with The University of North Carolina or its constituent institutions to evaluate the  
5 impact of the pilot program on teacher recruitment and retention.

6           **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.