GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2023

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HOUSE BILL 925

	Short Title:	Create Dept. of Housing and Comm. Development.	(Public)		
	Sponsors:	Representative Staton-Williams.			
	For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web st				
	Referred to:	Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the	e House		
		May 1, 2024			
1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED			
2	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND				
3	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.				
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:				
5	SECTION 1.(a) The Department of Housing and Community Development is				
6	established in this act as a single, unified cabinet-level department. The following divisions and				
7	offices are hereby established within the Department of Housing and Community Development:				
8	(1) Division of Operations.				
9	(2	2) Division of Community Development.			
10	(.	3) Division of Housing.			
11	(4	4) Policy and Legislative Office.			
12	S	SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 143B-2 reads as rewritten:			
13	"§ 143B-2. Interim applicability of the Executive Organization Act of 1973.				
14	The Executive Organization Act of 1973 shall be applicable only to the following named				
15	departments:				
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17		14) Department of Housing and Community Development."			
18	SECTION 1.(c) G.S. 143B-6 reads as rewritten:				
19	"§ 143B-6. Principal departments.				
20	In addition to the principal departments enumerated in the Executive Organization Act of				
21	1971, all executive and administrative powers, duties, and functions not including those of the				
22	General Assembly and its agencies, the General Court of Justice and the administrative agencies				
23	created pursuant to Article IV of the Constitution of North Carolina, and higher education				
24	previously vested by law in the several State agencies, are vested in the following principal				
25	departments:				
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27		16) Department of Housing and Community Development."			
28		SECTION 1.(d) G.S. 126-5(d)(1) reads as rewritten:			
29	"(d) (1) Exempt Positions in Cabinet Department. – Subject to the prov			
30		Chapter, which is known as the North Carolina Human Resou			
31		Governor may designate a total of 425 exempt positions the	roughout the		
32		following departments and offices:			
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34		p. Department of Housing and Community Development."			



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1	SECTION 2. Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended b	y adding a new		
2	Article to read:			
3	"Article 17.			
4	"Department of Housing and Community Development.			
5	"§ 143B-1520. Organization; mission.			
6	(a) There is established the Department of Housing and Community Development. The			
7	Department shall perform all functions of the executive branch of the State in relation to housing			
8	and community development. The Department shall have the following internal structure:			
9	(1) Division of Operations. – Provides operations and fiscal	services for the		
10	Department.			
11	(2) Division of Community Development. – Develops and imple	_		
12	community revitalization and for expansion of broadband acc			
13	(3) Division of Housing. – Develops and implements plan			
14	production and preservation, homeless and special needs h	ousing, housing		
15	policy, and natural disaster resilience.			
16	(4) Policy and Legislative Office. – Serves as the interagency liai			
17	Department and the General Assembly as well as other fee	leral, State, and		
18	<u>local entities.</u>			
19 20	(b) <u>The Department's mission consists of the following:</u> (1) Perturbative in this State to develop	······································		
20	(1) Partner with communities in this State to develop econor	<u>nic potential of</u>		
21 22	(2) <u>Communities and residents.</u>			
22 23	 (2) <u>Provide training and certification for building officials.</u> (3) Invest in housing and community development projects in th 	is State to essist		
23 24	low- to moderate-income residents.	<u>15 State to assist</u>		
2 4 25	" <u>§ 143B-1521. Powers and duties of the Secretary.</u>			
26	The head of the Department is the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community			
27	Development. The Secretary shall have the powers and duties as are conferred on the Secretary			
28	by this Article, delegated to the Secretary by the Governor, and conferred on the			
29	Constitution and laws of this State. The Secretary is authorized to adopt rules and	• •		
30	the implementation of this Article.			
31	"§ 143B-1522. Board of Housing and Community Development; terms.			
32	(a) There is established the North Carolina Board of Housing a	nd Community		
33	Development to advise the Secretary and to assist in the mission of the Department	nent. The Board		
34	shall consist of the Secretary, who shall be an ex officio member and shall ser	ve as chair, and		
35	nine other members appointed as follows:			
36	(1) Five members appointed by the Governor.			
37	(2) <u>Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the</u>			
38	(3) <u>Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep</u>			
39	(b) The term of office for members of the Board shall be two years and u			
40	successor has been duly appointed. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the appropriate			
41	appointing authority. Legislative appointments shall be made in accordance with G.S. 120-121.			
42 43	<u>A vacancy in a legislative appointment shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122.</u> "			
43 44	SECTION 3.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Housing and Community Development, established in this act, the sum of thirty million dollars			
44 45	(\$30,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.			
43 46	SECTION 3.(b) This section becomes effective July 1, 2024.			
40 47	SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective w	hen it becomes		
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