

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 231\***

Short Title: Allow Durham Public Schls to Provide Housing. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Alston, Morey, Hawkins, and Reives (Primary Sponsors).

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, if favorable, Education - K-12, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 8, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER  
EMPLOYEES OF DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding G.S. 66-58, G.S. 115C-518, and Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or any other provision of law, and subject to the restrictions set out in this act, the Durham Public Schools Board of Education may contract with any person, partnership, corporation, or other business entity to construct, provide, or maintain affordable rental housing on property owned by the Durham Public Schools Board of Education or by Durham County.

**SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding G.S. 66-58, G.S. 115C-518, and Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or any other provision of law, the Durham Public Schools Board of Education may, pursuant to this act, enter into residential housing unit lease agreements for housing units owned by the Board. The Board shall restrict the rental of such units exclusively to Durham Public Schools teachers or other Durham Public Schools employees. The Board shall have the authority to establish reasonable rents for housing units and may in its discretion charge below-market rates.

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

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



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