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HOUSE BILL DRH10405-LM-107

Short Title: Local Govts/Guaranteed Income Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Huneycutt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROHIBITING COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING
3 GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 6 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 **"§ 153A-145.13. Guaranteed income programs prohibited.**

8 Unless expressly authorized by general or local law, a county shall not adopt or enforce any
9 ordinance, resolution, or policy that has the purpose or effect of making a payment to an
10 individual under a guaranteed income program. For purposes of this section, the term "guaranteed
11 income program" means a program under which an individual is issued an unconditional cash
12 payment on a regular basis to be used for any purpose by the individual. The term does not
13 include a program under which an individual is required to seek reemployment, perform work,
14 or attend training as a condition of a cash payment."

15 **SECTION 2.** Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by
16 adding a new section to read:

17 **"§ 160A-205.8. Guaranteed income programs prohibited.**

18 Unless expressly authorized by general or local law, a city shall not adopt or enforce any
19 ordinance, resolution, or policy that has the purpose or effect of making a payment to an
20 individual under a guaranteed income program. For purposes of this section, the term "guaranteed
21 income program" means a program under which an individual is issued an unconditional cash
22 payment on a regular basis to be used for any purpose by the individual. The term does not
23 include a program under which an individual is required to seek reemployment, perform work,
24 or attend training as a condition of a cash payment."

25 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

