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By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Bennett

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to affordable housing; amending s. 159.807, F.S.; providing limitations on the Florida Housing Finance Corporation's access to the state allocation pool; deleting a provision exempting the corporation from the applicability of certain uses of the state allocation pool; creating s. 193.018, F.S.; providing for the assessment of property receiving the low-income housing tax credit; defining the term "community land trust"; providing for the assessment of structural improvements, condominium parcels, and cooperative parcels on land owned by a community land trust and used to provide affordable housing; providing for the conveyance of structural improvements, condominium parcels, and cooperative parcels subject to certain conditions; specifying the criteria to be used in arriving at just valuation of a structural improvement, condominium parcel, or cooperative parcel; amending s. 196.196, F.S.; providing additional criteria for determining whether certain affordable housing property owned by certain exempt organizations is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation; providing a definition; subjecting organizations owning certain property to ad valorem taxation under certain circumstances; providing for tax liens; providing for penalties and interest; providing an exception; providing notice requirements; amending s. 196.1978, F.S.; providing that property owned by certain nonprofit entities or

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Florida-based limited partnerships and used or held for the purpose of providing affordable housing to certain income-qualified persons is exempt from ad valorem taxation; revising legislative intent; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; redefining the term "infrastructure" to allow the proceeds of a local government infrastructure surtax to be used to purchase land for certain purposes relating to construction of affordable housing; amending s. 163.3202, F.S.; requiring that local land development regulations maintain the existing density of residential properties or recreational vehicle parks under certain circumstances; amending s. 420.503, F.S.; defining the term "moderate rehabilitation" for purposes of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Act; amending s. 420.5087, F.S.; revising purposes for which state apartment incentive loans may be used; creating s. 420.628, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; requiring certain governmental entities to develop and implement strategies and procedures designed to increase affordable housing opportunities for young adults who are leaving the child welfare system; amending s. 420.9071, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; amending s. 420.9072, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; authorizing counties and eligible municipalities to use funds from the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program to provide relocation grants for persons who are evicted from rental properties that

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are in foreclosure; providing eligibility requirements for receiving a grant; providing that authorization for the relocation grants expires July 1, 2010; amending s. 420.9073, F.S.; revising the frequency with which local housing distributions are to be made by the corporation; authorizing the corporation to withhold funds from the total distribution annually for specified purposes; requiring counties and eligible municipalities that receive local housing distributions to expend those funds in a specified manner; amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; requiring that local housing assistance plans address the special housing needs of persons with disabilities; authorizing counties and certain municipalities to assist persons and households meeting specific income requirements; revising requirements to be included in the local housing assistance plan; requiring counties and certain municipalities to include certain initiatives and strategies in the local housing assistance plan; revising criteria that applies to awards made for the purpose of providing eligible housing; authorizing and limiting the percentage of funds from the local housing distribution which may be used for manufactured housing; extending the expiration date of an exemption from certain income requirements in specified areas; providing for retroactive application; authorizing the use of certain funds for preconstruction activities; providing that certain costs are a program expense;

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authorizing counties and certain municipalities to award grant funds under certain conditions; providing for the repayment of funds by the local housing assistance trust fund; amending s. 420.9076, F.S.; revising appointments to a local affordable housing advisory committee; revising notice requirements for public hearings of the advisory committee; requiring the committee's final report, evaluation, and recommendations to be submitted to the corporation; deleting cross-references to conform to changes made by the act; repealing s. 420.9078, F.S., relating to state administration of funds remaining in the Local Government Housing Trust Fund; amending s. 420.9079, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; revising district school board powers and duties in relation to use of land for affordable housing in certain areas for certain personnel; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 159.807, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

159.807 State allocation pool.-

(4)(a) The state allocation pool shall also be used to provide written confirmations for private activity bonds that are to be issued by state agencies, which bonds, notwithstanding any other provisions of this part, shall receive priority in the use of the pool available at the time the notice of intent to

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issue such bonds is filed with the division.

- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), on or before November 15 of each year, the Florida Housing Finance
 Corporation's access to the state allocation pool is limited to the amount of the corporation's initial allocation under s.

 159.804. Thereafter, the corporation may not receive more than 80 percent of the amount in the state allocation pool on
 November 16 of each year, and may not receive more than 80 percent of any additional amounts that become available during each year. The limitations of this paragraph do not apply to the distribution of the unused allocation of the state volume
 limitation to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation under s.

 159.81(2)(b), (c), and (d). This subsection does not apply to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation:
- 1. Until its allocation pursuant to s. 159.804(3) has been exhausted, is unavailable, or is inadequate to provide an allocation pursuant to s. 159.804(3) and any carryforwards of volume limitation from prior years for the same carryforward purpose, as that term is defined in s. 146 of the Code, as the bonds it intends to issue have been completely utilized or have expired.
- 2. Prior to July 1 of any year, when housing bonds for which the Florida Housing Finance Corporation has made an assignment of its allocation permitted by s. 159.804(3)(c) have not been issued.
- Section 2. Section 193.018, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 193.018 Land owned by a community land trust used to provide affordable housing; assessment; structural improvements,

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condominium parcels, and cooperative parcels.

(1) As used in this section, the term "community land trust" means a nonprofit entity that is qualified as charitable under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has as one of its purposes the acquisition of land to be held in perpetuity for the primary purpose of providing affordable homeownership.

- improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels, that are located on specific parcels of land that are identified by a legal description contained in and subject to a ground lease having a term of at least 99 years, for the purpose of providing affordable housing to natural persons or families who meet the extremely-low-income, very-low-income, low-income, or moderate-income limits specified in s. 420.0004, or the income limits for workforce housing, as defined in s. 420.5095(3). A community land trust shall retain a preemptive option to purchase any structural improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels on the land at a price determined by a formula specified in the ground lease which is designed to ensure that the structural improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels remain affordable.
- (3) In arriving at just valuation under s. 193.011, a structural improvement, condominium parcel, or cooperative parcel providing affordable housing on land owned by a community land trust, and the land owned by a community land trust that is subject to a 99-year or longer ground lease, shall be assessed using the following criteria:
- (a) The amount a willing purchaser would pay a willing seller for the land is limited to an amount commensurate with

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the terms of the ground lease that restricts the use of the land to the provision of affordable housing in perpetuity.

- (b) The amount a willing purchaser would pay a willing seller for resale-restricted improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels is limited to the amount determined by the formula in the ground lease.
- (c) If the ground lease and all amendments and supplements thereto, or a memorandum documenting how such lease and amendments or supplements restrict the price at which the improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels may be sold, is recorded in the official public records of the county in which the leased land is located, the recorded lease and any amendments and supplements, or the recorded memorandum, shall be deemed a land use regulation during the term of the lease as amended or supplemented.

Section 3. Subsection (5) is added to section 196.196, Florida Statutes, to read:

196.196 Determining whether property is entitled to charitable, religious, scientific, or literary exemption.—

(5) (a) Property owned by an exempt organization qualified as charitable under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is used for a charitable purpose if the organization has taken affirmative steps to prepare the property to provide affordable housing to persons or families that meet the extremely-low-income, very-low-income, low-income, or moderate-income limits, as specified in s. 420.0004. The term "affirmative steps" means environmental or land use permitting activities, creation of architectural plans or schematic drawings, land clearing or site preparation, construction or renovation activities, or other

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similar activities that demonstrate a commitment of the property to providing affordable housing.

- (b) 1. If property owned by an organization granted an exemption under this subsection is transferred for a purpose other than directly providing affordable homeownership or rental housing to persons or families who meet the extremely-lowincome, very-low-income, low-income, or moderate-income limits, as specified in s. 420.0004, or is not in actual use to provide such affordable housing within 5 years after the date the organization is granted the exemption, the property appraiser making such determination shall serve upon the organization that illegally or improperly received the exemption a notice of intent to record in the public records of the county a notice of tax lien against any property owned by that organization in the county, and such property shall be identified in the notice of tax lien. The organization owning such property is subject to the taxes otherwise due and owing as a result of the failure to use the property to provide affordable housing plus 15 percent interest per annum and a penalty of 50 percent of the taxes owed.
- 2. Such lien, when filed, attaches to any property identified in the notice of tax lien owned by the organization that illegally or improperly received the exemption. If such organization no longer owns property in the county but owns property in any other county in the state, the property appraiser shall record in each such other county a notice of tax lien identifying the property owned by such organization in such county which shall become a lien against the identified property. Before any such lien may be filed, the organization so

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notified must be given 30 days to pay the taxes, penalties, and interest.

- 3. If an exemption is improperly granted as a result of a clerical mistake or an omission by the property appraiser, the organization improperly receiving the exemption shall not be assessed a penalty or interest.
- 4. The 5-year limitation specified in this subsection may be extended if the holder of the exemption continues to take affirmative steps to develop the property for the purposes specified in this subsection.

Section 4. Section 196.1978, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

196.1978 Affordable housing property exemption.—Property used to provide affordable housing serving eligible persons as defined by s. 159.603(7) and natural persons or families meeting the extremely-low-income, very-low-income, low-income, or moderate-income persons meeting income limits specified in s. 420.0004 s. 420.0004(8), (10), (11), and (15), which property isowned entirely by a nonprofit entity that is a corporation not for profit, qualified as charitable under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and in compliance with Rev. Proc. 96-32, 1996-1 C.B. 717, or a Florida-based limited partnership, the sole general partner of which is a corporation not for profit which is qualified as charitable under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which complies with Rev. Proc. 96-32, 1996-1 C.B. 717, shall be considered property owned by an exempt entity and used for a charitable purpose, and those portions of the affordable housing property which provide housing to natural persons or families classified as extremely low income, very low

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income, low income, or moderate income under s. 420.0004
individuals with incomes as defined in s. 420.0004(10) and (15)
shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation to the extent
authorized in s. 196.196. All property identified in this
section shall comply with the criteria for determination of
exempt status to be applied by property appraisers on an annual
basis as defined in s. 196.195. The Legislature intends that any
property owned by a limited liability company or limited
partnership which is disregarded as an entity for federal income
tax purposes pursuant to Treasury Regulation 301.77013(b)(1)(ii) shall be treated as owned by its sole member or sole
general partner.

Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 212.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent; authorization and use of proceeds.—It is the legislative intent that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended; and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide. Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as provided in s. 212.054.

- (2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX.-
- (d) 1. The proceeds of the surtax authorized by this

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"infrastructure" means:

578-03862A-09 20091042c1 291 subsection and any accrued interest accrued thereto shall be 292 expended by the school district, or within the county and 293 municipalities within the county, or, in the case of a 294 negotiated joint county agreement, within another county, to 295 finance, plan, and construct infrastructure; and to acquire land 296 for public recreation, or conservation, or protection of natural 297 resources; or and to finance the closure of county-owned or 298 municipally owned solid waste landfills that have been are 299 already closed or are required to be closed close by order of 300 the Department of Environmental Protection. Any use of the such 301 proceeds or interest for purposes of landfill closure before prior to July 1, 1993, is ratified. Neither The proceeds and nor 302 303 any interest may not accrued thereto shall be used for the 304 operational expenses of any infrastructure, except that a any 305 county that has with a population of fewer less than 75,000 and 306 that is required to close a landfill by order of the Department 307 of Environmental Protection may use the proceeds or any interest 308 accrued thereto for long-term maintenance costs associated with 309 landfill closure. Counties, as defined in s. 125.011 s. 310 125.011(1), and charter counties may, in addition, use the 311 proceeds or and any interest accrued thereto to retire or 312 service indebtedness incurred for bonds issued before prior to 313 July 1, 1987, for infrastructure purposes, and for bonds subsequently issued to refund such bonds. Any use of the such 314 315 proceeds or interest for purposes of retiring or servicing 316 indebtedness incurred for such refunding bonds before prior to 317 July 1, 1999, is ratified.

1.2. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term

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a. Any fixed capital expenditure or fixed capital outlay associated with the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of public facilities that have a life expectancy of 5 or more years and any <u>related</u> land acquisition, land improvement, design, and engineering costs related thereto.

- b. A fire department vehicle, an emergency medical service vehicle, a sheriff's office vehicle, a police department vehicle, or any other vehicle, and the such equipment necessary to outfit the vehicle for its official use or equipment that has a life expectancy of at least 5 years.
- c. Any expenditure for the construction, lease, or maintenance of, or provision of utilities or security for, facilities, as defined in s. 29.008.
- d. Any fixed capital expenditure or fixed capital outlay associated with the improvement of private facilities that have a life expectancy of 5 or more years and that the owner agrees to make available for use on a temporary basis as needed by a local government as a public emergency shelter or a staging area for emergency response equipment during an emergency officially declared by the state or by the local government under s. 252.38. Such improvements under this sub-subparagraph are limited to those necessary to comply with current standards for public emergency evacuation shelters. The owner must shall enter into a written contract with the local government providing the improvement funding to make the such private facility available to the public for purposes of emergency shelter at no cost to the local government for a minimum period of 10 years after completion of the improvement, with the provision that the such obligation will transfer to any subsequent owner until the end

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349 of the minimum period.

e. Any land-acquisition expenditure for a residential housing project in which at least 30 percent of the units are affordable to individuals or families whose total annual household income does not exceed 120 percent of the area median income adjusted for household size, if the land is owned by a local government or by a special district that enters into a written agreement with the local government to provide such housing. The local government or special district may enter into a ground lease with a public or private person or entity for nominal or other consideration for the construction of the residential housing project on land acquired pursuant to this sub-subparagraph.

2.3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a local government infrastructure discretionary sales surtax imposed or extended after July 1, 1998, the effective date of this act may allocate up to provide for an amount not to exceed 15 percent of the local option sales surtax proceeds to be allocated for deposit in to a trust fund within the county's accounts created for the purpose of funding economic development projects having of a general public purpose of improving targeted to improve local economies, including the funding of operational costs and incentives related to such economic development. The ballot statement must indicate the intention to make an allocation under the authority of this subparagraph.

Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 163.3202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3202 Land development regulations.-

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(2) Local land development regulations shall contain specific and detailed provisions necessary or desirable to implement the adopted comprehensive plan and shall as a minimum:

- (a) Regulate the subdivision of land. +
- (b) Regulate the use of land and water for those land use categories included in the land use element and ensure the compatibility of adjacent uses and provide for open space.
 - (c) Provide for protection of potable water wellfields. +
- (d) Regulate areas subject to seasonal and periodic flooding and provide for drainage and stormwater management.
- (e) Ensure the protection of environmentally sensitive lands designated in the comprehensive plan. \div
 - (f) Regulate signage. +
- (g) Provide that public facilities and services meet or exceed the standards established in the capital improvements element required by s. 163.3177 and are available when needed for the development, or that development orders and permits are conditioned on the availability of these public facilities and services necessary to serve the proposed development. Not later than 1 year after its due date established by the state land planning agency's rule for submission of local comprehensive plans pursuant to s. 163.3167(2), a local government shall not issue a development order or permit which results in a reduction in the level of services for the affected public facilities below the level of services provided in the comprehensive plan of the local government.
- (h) Ensure safe and convenient onsite traffic flow, considering needed vehicle parking.
 - (i) Maintain the existing density of residential properties

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or recreational vehicle parks if the properties are intended for residential use and are located in the unincorporated areas that have sufficient infrastructure, as determined by a local governing authority, and are not located within a coastal high-hazard area under s. 163.3178.

Section 7. Present subsections (25) through (41) of section 420.503, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (26) through (42), respectively, and a new subsection (25) is added to that section to read:

- 420.503 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
- (25) "Moderate rehabilitation" means repair or restoration of a dwelling unit when the value of such repair or restoration is 40 percent or less of the value of the dwelling unit but not less than \$10,000.

Section 8. Paragraphs (c) and (l) of subsection (6) of section 420.5087, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

420.5087 State Apartment Incentive Loan Program.—There is hereby created the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program for the purpose of providing first, second, or other subordinated mortgage loans or loan guarantees to sponsors, including forprofit, nonprofit, and public entities, to provide housing affordable to very-low-income persons.

- (6) On all state apartment incentive loans, except loans made to housing communities for the elderly to provide for lifesafety, building preservation, health, sanitation, or security-related repairs or improvements, the following provisions shall apply:
- (c) The corporation shall provide by rule for the establishment of a review committee composed of the department

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and corporation staff and shall establish by rule a scoring system for evaluation and competitive ranking of applications submitted in this program, including, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- 1. Tenant income and demographic targeting objectives of the corporation.
- 2. Targeting objectives of the corporation which will ensure an equitable distribution of loans between rural and urban areas.
- 3. Sponsor's agreement to reserve the units for persons or families who have incomes below 50 percent of the state or local median income, whichever is higher, for a time period to exceed the minimum required by federal law or the provisions of this part.
 - 4. Sponsor's agreement to reserve more than:
- a. Twenty percent of the units in the project for persons or families who have incomes that do not exceed 50 percent of the state or local median income, whichever is higher; or
- b. Forty percent of the units in the project for persons or families who have incomes that do not exceed 60 percent of the state or local median income, whichever is higher, without requiring a greater amount of the loans as provided in this section.
 - 5. Provision for tenant counseling.
- 6. Sponsor's agreement to accept rental assistance certificates or vouchers as payment for rent.
- 7. Projects requiring the least amount of a state apartment incentive loan compared to overall project cost except that the share of the loan attributable to units serving extremely-low-

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465 income persons shall be excluded from this requirement.

- 8. Local government contributions and local government comprehensive planning and activities that promote affordable housing.
 - 9. Project feasibility.
 - 10. Economic viability of the project.
 - 11. Commitment of first mortgage financing.
 - 12. Sponsor's prior experience.
 - 13. Sponsor's ability to proceed with construction.
- 14. Projects that directly implement or assist welfare-towork transitioning.
- 15. Projects that reserve units for extremely-low-income persons.
- 16. Projects that include green building principles, storm-resistant construction, or other elements that reduce long-term costs relating to maintenance, utilities, or insurance.
- (1) The proceeds of all loans shall be used for new construction, moderate rehabilitation, or substantial rehabilitation which creates or preserves affordable, safe, and sanitary housing units.
- Section 9. Section 420.628, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 420.628 Affordable housing for children and young adults leaving foster care; legislative findings and intent.—
- (1) (a) The Legislature finds that there are many young adults who, through no fault of their own, live in foster families, group homes, and institutions, and face numerous barriers to a successful transition to adulthood. Young adults who are leaving the child welfare system may enter adulthood

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194 lacking the knowledge, skills, attitudes, habits, and
195 relationships that will enable them to become productive members
196 of society.

- (b) The Legislature further finds that the main barriers to safe and affordable housing for such young adults are cost, lack of availability, the unwillingness of landlords to rent to such youth due to perceived regulatory barriers, and a lack of knowledge about how to be a good tenant. These barriers cause young adults to be at risk of becoming homeless.
- (c) The Legislature also finds that young adults who leave the child welfare system are disproportionately represented in the homeless population. Without the stability of safe and affordable housing, all other services, training, and opportunities provided to such young adults may not be effective. Making affordable housing available will decrease the chance of homelessness and may increase the ability of such young adults to live independently.
- (d) The Legislature intends that the Florida Housing
 Finance Corporation, agencies within the State Housing
 Initiative Partnership Program, local housing finance agencies,
 public housing authorities, and their agents, and other
 providers of affordable housing coordinate with the Department
 of Children and Family Services, their agents, and communitybased care providers who provide services under s. 409.1671 to
 develop and implement strategies and procedures designed to make
 affordable housing available whenever and wherever possible to
 young adults who leave the child welfare system.
- (2) Young adults who leave the child welfare system meet the definition of eligible persons under ss. 420.503(7) and

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420.907(10) for affordable housing, and are encouraged to participate in federal, state, and local affordable housing programs. Students deemed to be eligible occupants under 26 U.S.C. 42(i)(3)(d) shall be considered eligible persons for purposes of all projects funded under this chapter.

Section 10. Subsections (4), (8), (16), and (25) of section 420.9071, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (29) and (30) are added to that section, to read:

420.9071 Definitions.—As used in ss. 420.907-420.9079, the term:

- (4) "Annual gross income" means annual income as defined under the Section 8 housing assistance payments programs in 24 C.F.R. part 5; annual income as reported under the census long form for the recent available decennial census; or adjusted gross income as defined for purposes of reporting under Internal Revenue Service Form 1040 for individual federal annual income tax purposes or as defined by standard practices used in the lending industry as detailed in the local housing assistance plan and approved by the corporation. Counties and eligible municipalities shall calculate income by annualizing verified sources of income for the household as the amount of income to be received in a household during the 12 months following the effective date of the determination.
- (8) "Eligible housing" means any real and personal property located within the county or the eligible municipality which is designed and intended for the primary purpose of providing decent, safe, and sanitary residential units that are designed to meet the standards of the Florida Building Code or previous building codes adopted under chapter 553, or manufactured

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housing constructed after June 1994 and installed in accordance with the installation standards for mobile or manufactured homes contained in rules of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, for home ownership or rental for eligible persons as designated by each county or eligible municipality participating in the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program.

- (16) "Local housing incentive strategies" means local regulatory reform or incentive programs to encourage or facilitate affordable housing production, which include at a minimum, assurance that permits as defined in s. 163.3164(7) and (8) for affordable housing projects are expedited to a greater degree than other projects; an ongoing process for review of local policies, ordinances, regulations, and plan provisions that increase the cost of housing prior to their adoption; and a schedule for implementing the incentive strategies. Local housing incentive strategies may also include other regulatory reforms, such as those enumerated in s. 420.9076 or those recommended by the affordable housing advisory committee in its triennial evaluation of the implementation of affordable housing incentives, and adopted by the local governing body.
- (25) "Recaptured funds" means funds that are recouped by a county or eligible municipality in accordance with the recapture provisions of its local housing assistance plan pursuant to s. 420.9075(5)(h)(g) from eligible persons or eligible sponsors, which funds were not used for assistance to an eligible household for an eligible activity, when there is a who default on the terms of a grant award or loan award.
- (29) "Assisted housing" or "assisted housing development" means a rental housing development, including rental housing in

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a mixed-use development, that received or currently receives funding from any federal or state housing program.

(30) "Preservation" means actions taken to keep rents in existing assisted housing affordable for extremely-low-income, very-low-income, low-income, and moderate-income households while ensuring that the property stays in good physical and financial condition for an extended period.

Section 11. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 420.9072, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

420.9072 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program.—The State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program is created for the purpose of providing funds to counties and eligible municipalities as an incentive for the creation of local housing partnerships, to expand production of and preserve affordable housing, to further the housing element of the local government comprehensive plan specific to affordable housing, and to increase housing-related employment.

- (6) The moneys that otherwise would be distributed pursuant to s. 420.9073 to a local government that does not meet the program's requirements for receipts of such distributions shall remain in the Local Government Housing Trust Fund to be administered by the corporation pursuant to s. 420.9078.
- (7) A county or an eligible municipality must expend its portion of the local housing distribution only to implement a local housing assistance plan or as provided in this subsection.
- (a) A county or an eligible municipality may not expend its portion of the local housing distribution to provide rent subsidies; however, this does not prohibit the use of funds for security and utility deposit assistance.

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(b) A county or an eligible municipality may expend a portion of the local housing distribution to provide a one-time relocation grant to persons who meet the income requirements of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program and who are subject to eviction from rental property located in the county or eligible municipality due to the foreclosure of the rental property. In order to receive a grant under this paragraph, a person must provide the county or eligible municipality with proof of meeting the income requirements of a very-low-income household, a low-income household, or a moderate-income household; a notice of eviction; and proof that the rent has been paid for at least 3 months before the date of eviction, including the month that the notice of eviction was served. Relocation assistance under this paragraph is limited to a onetime grant of not more than \$5,000 and is not limited to persons who are subject to eviction from projects funded under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program. This paragraph expires July 1, 2010.

Section 12. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 420.9073, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (5), (6), and (7) are added to that section, to read:

420.9073 Local housing distributions.

(1) Distributions calculated in this section shall be disbursed on a <u>quarterly or more frequent</u> monthly basis by the corporation beginning the first day of the month after program approval pursuant to s. 420.9072, subject to availability of <u>funds</u>. Each county's share of the funds to be distributed from the portion of the funds in the Local Government Housing Trust Fund received pursuant to s. 201.15(9) shall be calculated by

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the corporation for each fiscal year as follows:

- (a) Each county other than a county that has implemented the provisions of chapter 83-220, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 84-270, 86-152, and 89-252, Laws of Florida, shall receive the guaranteed amount for each fiscal year.
- (b) Each county other than a county that has implemented the provisions of chapter 83-220, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 84-270, 86-152, and 89-252, Laws of Florida, may receive an additional share calculated as follows:
- 1. Multiply each county's percentage of the total state population excluding the population of any county that has implemented the provisions of chapter 83-220, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 84-270, 86-152, and 89-252, Laws of Florida, by the total funds to be distributed.
- 2. If the result in subparagraph 1. is less than the guaranteed amount as determined in subsection (3), that county's additional share shall be zero.
- 3. For each county in which the result in subparagraph 1. is greater than the guaranteed amount as determined in subsection (3), the amount calculated in subparagraph 1. shall be reduced by the guaranteed amount. The result for each such county shall be expressed as a percentage of the amounts so determined for all counties. Each such county shall receive an additional share equal to such percentage multiplied by the total funds received by the Local Government Housing Trust Fund pursuant to s. 201.15(9) reduced by the guaranteed amount paid to all counties.
- (2) Effective July 1, 1995, Distributions calculated in this section shall be disbursed on a quarterly or more frequent

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monthly basis by the corporation beginning the first day of the month after program approval pursuant to s. 420.9072, subject to availability of funds. Each county's share of the funds to be distributed from the portion of the funds in the Local Government Housing Trust Fund received pursuant to s. 201.15(10) shall be calculated by the corporation for each fiscal year as follows:

- (a) Each county shall receive the guaranteed amount for each fiscal year.
- (b) Each county may receive an additional share calculated as follows:
- 1. Multiply each county's percentage of the total state population, by the total funds to be distributed.
- 2. If the result in subparagraph 1. is less than the guaranteed amount as determined in subsection (3), that county's additional share shall be zero.
- 3. For each county in which the result in subparagraph 1. is greater than the guaranteed amount, the amount calculated in subparagraph 1. shall be reduced by the guaranteed amount. The result for each such county shall be expressed as a percentage of the amounts so determined for all counties. Each such county shall receive an additional share equal to this percentage multiplied by the total funds received by the Local Government Housing Trust Fund pursuant to s. 201.15(10) as reduced by the guaranteed amount paid to all counties.
- (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1)-(4), the corporation may withhold up to \$5 million of the total amount distributed each fiscal year from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund to provide additional funding to counties and eligible

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municipalities where a state of emergency has been declared by the Governor pursuant to chapter 252. Any portion of the withheld funds not distributed by the end of the fiscal year shall be distributed as provided in subsections (1) and (2).

- (6) Notwithstanding subsections (1)-(4), the corporation may withhold up to \$5 million from the total amount distributed each fiscal year from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund to provide funding to counties and eligible municipalities to purchase properties subject to a State Housing Initiative Partnership Program lien and on which foreclosure proceedings have been initiated by any mortgagee. Each county and eligible municipality that receives funds under this subsection shall repay such funds to the corporation not later than the expenditure deadline for the fiscal year in which the funds were awarded. Amounts not repaid shall be withheld from the subsequent year's distribution. Any portion of such funds not distributed under this subsection by the end of the fiscal year shall be distributed as provided in subsections (1) and (2).
- (7) A county receiving local housing distributions under this section or an eligible municipality that receives local housing distributions under an interlocal agreement shall expend those funds in accordance with the provisions of ss. 420.907-420.9079, rules of the corporation, and the county's local housing assistance plan.

Section 13. Subsections (1), (3), (5), and (8), paragraphs (a) and (h) of subsection (10), and paragraph (b) of subsection (13) of section 420.9075, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (14) is added to that section, to read:

420.9075 Local housing assistance plans; partnerships.-

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(1) (a) Each county or eligible municipality participating in the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program shall develop and implement a local housing assistance plan created to make affordable residential units available to persons of very low income, low income, or moderate income and to persons who have special housing needs, including, but not limited to, homeless people, the elderly, and migrant farmworkers, and persons with disabilities. Counties or eligible municipalities may include strategies to assist persons and households having annual incomes of not more than 140 percent of area median income. The plans are intended to increase the availability of affordable residential units by combining local resources and cost-saving measures into a local housing partnership and using private and public funds to reduce the cost of housing.

- (b) Local housing assistance plans may allocate funds to:
- 1. Implement local housing assistance strategies for the provision of affordable housing.
- 2. Supplement funds available to the corporation to provide enhanced funding of state housing programs within the county or the eligible municipality.
- 3. Provide the local matching share of federal affordable housing grants or programs.
- 4. Fund emergency repairs, including, but not limited to, repairs performed by existing service providers under weatherization assistance programs under ss. 409.509-409.5093.
- 5. Further the housing element of the local government comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to s. 163.3184, specific to affordable housing.
 - (3) (a) Each local housing assistance plan shall include a

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definition of essential service personnel for the county or eligible municipality, including, but not limited to, teachers and educators, other school district, community college, and university employees, police and fire personnel, health care personnel, skilled building trades personnel, and other job categories.

- (b) Each county and each eligible municipality is encouraged to develop a strategy within its local housing assistance plan that emphasizes the recruitment and retention of essential service personnel. The local government is encouraged to involve public and private sector employers. Compliance with the eligibility criteria established under this strategy shall be verified by the county or eligible municipality.
- (c) Each county and each eligible municipality is encouraged to develop a strategy within its local housing assistance plan that addresses the needs of persons who are deprived of affordable housing due to the closure of a mobile home park or the conversion of affordable rental units to condominiums.
- (d) Each county and each eligible municipality shall describe initiatives in the local housing assistance plan to encourage or require innovative design, green building principles, storm-resistant construction, or other elements that reduce long-term costs relating to maintenance, utilities, or insurance.
- (e) Each county and each eligible municipality is encouraged to develop a strategy within its local housing assistance plan which provides program funds for the preservation of assisted housing.

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(5) The following criteria apply to awards made to eligible sponsors or eligible persons for the purpose of providing eligible housing:

- (a) At least 65 percent of the funds made available in each county and eligible municipality from the local housing distribution must be reserved for home ownership for eligible persons.
- (b) At least 75 percent of the funds made available in each county and eligible municipality from the local housing distribution must be reserved for construction, rehabilitation, or emergency repair of affordable, eligible housing.
- (c) Not more than 25 percent of the funds made available in each county and eligible municipality from the local housing distribution may be used for manufactured housing.
- (d)(e) The sales price or value of new or existing eligible housing may not exceed 90 percent of the average area purchase price in the statistical area in which the eligible housing is located. Such average area purchase price may be that calculated for any 12-month period beginning not earlier than the fourth calendar year prior to the year in which the award occurs or as otherwise established by the United States Department of the Treasury.
- (e) (d) 1. All units constructed, rehabilitated, or otherwise assisted with the funds provided from the local housing assistance trust fund must be occupied by very-low-income persons, low-income persons, and moderate-income persons except as otherwise provided in this section.
- 2. At least 30 percent of the funds deposited into the local housing assistance trust fund must be reserved for awards

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to very-low-income persons or eligible sponsors who will serve very-low-income persons and at least an additional 30 percent of the funds deposited into the local housing assistance trust fund must be reserved for awards to low-income persons or eligible sponsors who will serve low-income persons. This subparagraph does not apply to a county or an eligible municipality that includes, or has included within the previous 5 years, an area of critical state concern designated or ratified by the Legislature for which the Legislature has declared its intent to provide affordable housing. The exemption created by this act expires on July 1, 2013, and shall apply retroactively 2008.

(f) (e) Loans shall be provided for periods not exceeding 30 years, except for deferred payment loans or loans that extend beyond 30 years which continue to serve eligible persons.

(g) (f) Loans or grants for eligible rental housing constructed, rehabilitated, or otherwise assisted from the local housing assistance trust fund must be subject to recapture requirements as provided by the county or eligible municipality in its local housing assistance plan unless reserved for eligible persons for 15 years or the term of the assistance, whichever period is longer. Eligible sponsors that offer rental housing for sale before 15 years or that have remaining mortgages funded under this program must give a first right of refusal to eligible nonprofit organizations for purchase at the current market value for continued occupancy by eligible persons.

(h) (g) Loans or grants for eligible owner-occupied housing constructed, rehabilitated, or otherwise assisted from proceeds provided from the local housing assistance trust fund shall be

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subject to recapture requirements as provided by the county or eligible municipality in its local housing assistance plan.

- (i) (h) The total amount of monthly mortgage payments or the amount of monthly rent charged by the eligible sponsor or her or his designee must be made affordable.
- (j)(i) The maximum sales price or value per unit and the maximum award per unit for eligible housing benefiting from awards made pursuant to this section must be established in the local housing assistance plan.
- $\underline{\text{(k)}}$ The benefit of assistance provided through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program must accrue to eligible persons occupying eligible housing. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit use of the local housing distribution funds for a mixed income rental development.
- (1) (k) Funds from the local housing distribution not used to meet the criteria established in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) or not used for the administration of a local housing assistance plan must be used for housing production and finance activities, including, but not limited to, financing preconstruction activities or the purchase of existing units, providing rental housing, and providing home ownership training to prospective home buyers and owners of homes assisted through the local housing assistance plan.
- $\underline{1.}$ Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b), program income as defined in s. 420.9071(24) may also be used to fund activities described in this paragraph.
- 2. When preconstruction due-diligence activities conducted as part of a preservation strategy show that preservation of the units is not feasible and will not result in the production of

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an eligible unit, such costs shall be deemed a program expense rather than an administrative expense if such program expenses do not exceed 3 percent of the annual local housing distribution.

- 3. If both an award under the local housing assistance plan and federal low-income housing tax credits are used to assist a project and there is a conflict between the criteria prescribed in this subsection and the requirements of s. 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the county or eligible municipality may resolve the conflict by giving precedence to the requirements of s. 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, in lieu of following the criteria prescribed in this subsection with the exception of paragraphs (a) and $\underline{\text{(e)}}$ of this subsection.
- 4. Each county and each eligible municipality may award funds as a grant for construction, rehabilitation, or repair as part of disaster recovery or emergency repairs or to remedy accessibility or health and safety deficiencies. Any other grants must be approved as part of the local housing assistance plan.
- (8) Pursuant to s. 420.531, the corporation shall provide training and technical assistance to local governments regarding the creation of partnerships, the design of local housing assistance strategies, the implementation of local housing incentive strategies, and the provision of support services.
- (10) Each county or eligible municipality shall submit to the corporation by September 15 of each year a report of its affordable housing programs and accomplishments through June 30 immediately preceding submittal of the report. The report shall

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be certified as accurate and complete by the local government's chief elected official or his or her designee. Transmittal of the annual report by a county's or eligible municipality's chief elected official, or his or her designee, certifies that the local housing incentive strategies, or, if applicable, the local housing incentive plan, have been implemented or are in the process of being implemented pursuant to the adopted schedule for implementation. The report must include, but is not limited to:

- (a) The number of households served by income category, age, family size, and race, and data regarding any special needs populations such as farmworkers, homeless persons, persons with disabilities, and the elderly. Counties shall report this information separately for households served in the unincorporated area and each municipality within the county.
- (h) Such other data or affordable housing accomplishments considered significant by the reporting county or eligible municipality or by the corporation.

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- (b) If, as a result of its review of the annual report, the corporation determines that a county or eligible municipality has failed to implement a local housing incentive strategy, or, if applicable, a local housing incentive plan, it shall send a notice of termination of the local government's share of the local housing distribution by certified mail to the affected county or eligible municipality.
- 1. The notice must specify a date of termination of the funding if the affected county or eligible municipality does not implement the plan or strategy and provide for a local response.

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A county or eligible municipality shall respond to the corporation within 30 days after receipt of the notice of termination.

- 2. The corporation shall consider the local response that extenuating circumstances precluded implementation and grant an extension to the timeframe for implementation. Such an extension shall be made in the form of an extension agreement that provides a timeframe for implementation. The chief elected official of a county or eligible municipality or his or her designee shall have the authority to enter into the agreement on behalf of the local government.
- 3. If the county or the eligible municipality has not implemented the incentive strategy or entered into an extension agreement by the termination date specified in the notice, the local housing distribution share terminates, and any uncommitted local housing distribution funds held by the affected county or eligible municipality in its local housing assistance trust fund shall be transferred to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund to the credit of the corporation to administer pursuant to s. 420.9078.
- 4.a. If the affected local government fails to meet the timeframes specified in the agreement, the corporation shall terminate funds. The corporation shall send a notice of termination of the local government's share of the local housing distribution by certified mail to the affected local government. The notice shall specify the termination date, and any uncommitted funds held by the affected local government shall be transferred to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund to the credit of the corporation to administer pursuant to s. 420.9078.

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b. If the corporation terminates funds to a county, but an eligible municipality receiving a local housing distribution pursuant to an interlocal agreement maintains compliance with program requirements, the corporation shall thereafter distribute directly to the participating eligible municipality its share calculated in the manner provided in s. 420.9072.

- c. Any county or eligible municipality whose local distribution share has been terminated may subsequently elect to receive directly its local distribution share by adopting the ordinance, resolution, and local housing assistance plan in the manner and according to the procedures provided in ss. 420.907-420.9079.
- eligible municipality has expended program funds for an ineligible activity, the corporation shall require such funds to be repaid to the local housing assistance trust fund. Such repayment may not be made with funds from the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program.

Section 14. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2), subsections (5) and (6), and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 420.9076, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 420.9076 Adoption of affordable housing incentive strategies; committees.—
- (2) The governing board of a county or municipality shall appoint the members of the affordable housing advisory committee by resolution. Pursuant to the terms of any interlocal agreement, a county and municipality may create and jointly appoint an advisory committee to prepare a joint plan. The ordinance adopted pursuant to s. 420.9072 which creates the

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advisory committee or the resolution appointing the advisory committee members must provide for 11 committee members and their terms. The committee must include:

(h) One citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to s. 163.3174. If the local planning agency is comprised of the governing board of the county or municipality, the governing board may appoint a designee who is knowledgeable in the local planning process.

If a county or eligible municipality whether due to its small size, the presence of a conflict of interest by prospective appointees, or other reasonable factor, is unable to appoint a citizen actively engaged in these activities in connection with affordable housing, a citizen engaged in the activity without regard to affordable housing may be appointed. Local governments that receive the minimum allocation under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program may elect to appoint an affordable housing advisory committee with fewer than 11 representatives if they are unable to find representatives who meet the criteria of paragraphs (a)-(k).

(5) The approval by the advisory committee of its local housing incentive strategies recommendations and its review of local government implementation of previously recommended strategies must be made by affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of the advisory committee taken at a public hearing. Notice of the time, date, and place of the public hearing of the advisory committee to adopt its evaluation and final local housing incentive strategies recommendations must be published in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county. The

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notice must contain a short and concise summary of the evaluation and local housing incentives strategies recommendations to be considered by the advisory committee. The notice must state the public place where a copy of the evaluation and tentative advisory committee recommendations can be obtained by interested persons. The final report, evaluation, and recommendations shall be submitted to the corporation.

- evaluation and local housing incentive strategies recommendations from the advisory committee, the governing body of the appointing local government shall adopt an amendment to its local housing assistance plan to incorporate the local housing incentive strategies it will implement within its jurisdiction. The amendment must include, at a minimum, the local housing incentive strategies required under s.

 420.9071(16). The local government must consider the strategies specified in paragraphs (4)(a)-(k) as recommended by the advisory committee.
- (7) The governing board of the county or the eligible municipality shall notify the corporation by certified mail of its adoption of an amendment of its local housing assistance plan to incorporate local housing incentive strategies. The notice must include a copy of the approved amended plan.
- (a) If the corporation fails to receive timely the approved amended local housing assistance plan to incorporate local housing incentive strategies, a notice of termination of its share of the local housing distribution shall be sent by certified mail by the corporation to the affected county or eligible municipality. The notice of termination must specify a

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date of termination of the funding if the affected county or eligible municipality has not adopted an amended local housing assistance plan to incorporate local housing incentive strategies. If the county or the eligible municipality has not adopted an amended local housing assistance plan to incorporate local housing incentive strategies by the termination date specified in the notice of termination, the local distribution share terminates; and any uncommitted local distribution funds held by the affected county or eligible municipality in its local housing assistance trust fund shall be transferred to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund to the credit of the corporation to administer the local government housing program pursuant to s. 420.9078.

Section 15. <u>Section 420.9078</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, is repealed.

Section 16. Section 420.9079, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

420.9079 Local Government Housing Trust Fund.-

Government Housing Trust Fund, which shall be administered by the corporation on behalf of the department according to the provisions of ss. 420.907-420.9076 420.907-420.9078 and this section. There shall be deposited into the fund a portion of the documentary stamp tax revenues as provided in s. 201.15, moneys received from any other source for the purposes of ss. 420.907-420.9076 420.907-420.9078 and this section, and all proceeds derived from the investment of such moneys. Moneys in the fund that are not currently needed for the purposes of the programs administered pursuant to ss. 420.907-420.9076 420.907-420.9078

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and this section shall be deposited to the credit of the fund and may be invested as provided by law. The interest received on any such investment shall be credited to the fund.

(2) The corporation shall administer the fund exclusively for the purpose of implementing the programs described in ss. 420.907-420.9076 420.907-420.9078 and this section. With the exception of monitoring the activities of counties and eligible municipalities to determine local compliance with program requirements, the corporation shall not receive appropriations from the fund for administrative or personnel costs. For the purpose of implementing the compliance monitoring provisions of s. 420.9075(9), the corporation may request a maximum of one-quarter of 1 percent of the annual appropriation per state fiscal year. When such funding is appropriated, the corporation shall deduct the amount appropriated prior to calculating the local housing distribution pursuant to ss. 420.9072 and 420.9073.

Section 17. Subsection (12) of section 1001.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school board.—The district school board may exercise the following supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or State Board of Education rule.

(12) AFFORDABLE HOUSING.—A district school board may use portions of school sites purchased within the guidelines of the State Requirements for Educational Facilities, land deemed not usable for educational purposes because of location or other factors, or land declared as surplus by the board to provide sites for affordable housing for teachers and other district

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1103	personnel and, in areas of critical state concern, for other
1104	essential services personnel as defined by local affordable
1105	housing eligibility requirements, independently or in
1106	conjunction with other agencies as described in subsection (5).
1107	Section 18. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.