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A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to affordable housing; creating s. 163.31772, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent 3 4 relating to changes in land use affecting mobile home 5 parks; providing definitions; providing requirements for local governments and community redevelopment agencies 6 regarding specified funding sources to provide financial 7 assistance to certain mobile home owners; providing 8 9 requirements for mobile home owners to qualify for 10 financial assistance; requiring local governments to permit and approve rezoning of property for the 11 development of new mobile home parks; providing that a 12 local government or redevelopment agency may enter into a 13 development agreement with the owner of a mobile home park 14 to encourage its continued use for affordable housing; 15 limiting the length of certain development agreements; 16 amending s. 420.9072, F.S.; correcting cross-references; 17 amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; providing down payment 18 19 assistance under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program to certain persons employed as K-12 classroom 20 teachers in the schools in this state; requiring the State 21 Housing Initiatives Partnership Program to develop 22 eligibility criteria; providing conditions under which 23 funds may be distributed; providing for a lien to be 24 placed on a recipient's property if the recipient does not 25 fulfill a specified commitment; encouraging counties and 26 27 eligible municipalities to develop annual county housing plans that emphasize the recruitment and retention of 28

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29 certain classroom teachers; amending s. 420.9079, F.S.; 30 correcting a cross-reference; amending s. 723.061, F.S.; providing notice requirements to certain mobile home lot 31 32 tenants regarding entitlement to compensation from the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Trust Fund; amending s. 33 723.06116, F.S.; providing for late fees if a mobile home 34 35 park owner does not make payments to the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation within the required time 36 period; amending s. 723.0612, F.S.; prohibiting approval 37 38 of certain applications for funding submitted by persons 39 who have settled certain claims or causes of action; providing certain time periods within which an application 40 for funding for relocation expenses must be submitted to 41 the corporation; amending s. 723.071, F.S.; providing 42 legislative findings relating to the sale of mobile home 43 parks; amending s. 723.072, F.S., relating to an affidavit 44 of compliance by an owner of a mobile home park; 45 conforming cross-references; amending s. 723.083, F.S.; 46 requiring an agency of municipal, local, county, or state 47 government to provide a report that substantiates the 48 existence of adequate mobile home parks before approving 49 the removal or relocation of a park; requiring a written 50 estimate of fiscal costs and benefits; requiring certain 51 52 reports to be made available to the public within a specified time period; providing appropriations; providing 53 effective dates. 54 55

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

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HB 259 2007 57 Section 1. Section 163.31772, Florida Statutes, is created 58 59 to read: 60 163.31772 Mobile home parks; change in use of land; legislative findings and intent.--61 62 (1) The Legislature finds that: Mobile home parks provide safe and affordable housing 63 (a) to many residents of this state; 64 65 (b) The rising price of real estate in this state is causing significant loss of affordable housing, including mobile 66 67 home parks; Some mobile home park residents are being evicted and 68 (C) forced to relocate from their communities due to the change in 69 70 the use of land from mobile home park rentals to some other use; 71 The loss of this type of affordable housing is of (d) 72 statewide concern; and 73 Local governments benefit from the redevelopment of (e) 74 these mobile home parks through increased local and state tax 75 revenues but may not have authority to use all available funding 76 and revenue sources to assist these displaced residents. 77 It is the intent of the Legislature that local (2) 78 governments and redevelopment agencies assist in the relocation 79 of and the provision of assistance to mobile home owners and are authorized to use all available funding sources to further this 80 81 intent. 82 As used in this section, the term: (3) "Affordable" has the same meaning as provided in s. 83 (a) 84 420.602.

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85 "Community redevelopment agency" has the same meaning (b) as provided in s. 163.340. 86 87 "Local government" means a county or municipality. (C) 88 (d) "Mobile home park" has the same meaning as provided in s. 723.003. 89 Any local government or community redevelopment agency 90 (4) having jurisdiction over a mobile home park that is being closed 91 due to a change in the use of land shall provide financial 92 93 assistance to any mobile home resident who is displaced as a 94 result of the change in use and who meets the requirements of subsection (5) to: 95 Assist the homeowner with the cost of relocating his 96 (a) 97 or her home; Assist the homeowner in purchasing a new manufactured 98 (b) 99 or mobile home if the home he or she is currently occupying is 100 not capable of being moved to another location; or 101 (C) Assist the homeowner in relocating to any other 102 adequate and suitable housing. 103 104 The financial assistance provided under this subsection to each 105 qualified homeowner shall be made as a supplement to the funds provided to each qualified homeowner under the Florida Mobile 106 107 Home Relocation Trust Fund. In order to receive supplemental financial assistance 108 (5) under subsection (4) from the local government or community 109 redevelopment agency, the displaced mobile home owner must 110 111 qualify as a very-low-income, low-income, or moderate-income 112 person as defined in s. 420.0004.

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113 114 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a local government 115 or community redevelopment agency is authorized to and shall, for the purposes described in subsection (4), use revenues 116 117 derived from sources that include, but need not be limited to, tax increment financing pursuant to s. 163.387, urban infill and 118 redevelopment funds pursuant to s. 163.2523, general revenue 119 120 funding, housing loan assistance programs, documentary stamp tax 121 revenues derived from the redevelopment of the property which 122 are available to the local government, and impact and permit 123 fees derived from the redevelopment of the property. A local government shall take action to permit and 124 (6) 125 approve the rezoning of property for development of new mobile 126 home parks for the purpose of providing new homes or affordable 127 housing or for the relocation of mobile home owners who are 128 displaced by a change in the use of land. 129 Any local government or community redevelopment agency (7)130 having jurisdiction over a mobile home park providing affordable housing as defined in this section may enter into a development 131 132 agreement with the owner of the mobile home park to encourage 133 the continued use of the mobile home park for affordable housing by incentives, including, but not limited to: 134 135 Awarding transferable development credits to the (a) community. The Department of Community Affairs shall provide 136 137 technical assistance to local governments in order to promote the transfer of development rights for mobile home park owners 138 139 who provide affordable housing. The department may adopt rules 140 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this

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141 paragraph; 142 (b) Providing tax incentives, such as property tax 143 abatement, for providing affordable housing; and 144 (c) Providing housing assistance to the mobile home park owner for the difference between the lot rental amount paid by 145 the homeowners and either the lot rental amount charged in 146 comparable mobile home parks that have similar facilities, 147 services, amenities, and management or based upon the rental 148 149 value of the property being dedicated to affordable housing 150 based upon the property's fair market value. The Department of 151 Community Affairs shall provide technical assistance to local governments in order to promote housing assistance to mobile 152 153 home park owners who provide affordable housing in urban areas. 154 The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 155 120.54 to administer this paragraph. 156 157 Any development agreement entered into under this subsection 158 shall have a term that does not exceed 10 years. 159 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 420.9072, Florida 160 Statutes, is amended to read: 161 420.9072 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program. -- The State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program is 162 created for the purpose of providing funds to counties and 163 eligible municipalities as an incentive for the creation of 164 165 local housing partnerships, to expand production of and preserve affordable housing, to further the housing element of the local 166 167 government comprehensive plan specific to affordable housing, 168 and to increase housing-related employment.

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169 (2) (a) To be eligible to receive funds under the program,170 a county or eligible municipality must:

Submit to the corporation its local housing assistance
 plan describing the local housing assistance strategies
 established pursuant to s. 420.9075;

174 2. Within 12 months after adopting the local housing 175 assistance plan, amend the plan to incorporate the local housing 176 incentive strategies defined in s. 420.9071(16) and described in 177 s. 420.9076; and

178 3. Within 24 months after adopting the amended local 179 housing assistance plan to incorporate the local housing incentive strategies, amend its land development regulations or 180 establish local policies and procedures, as necessary, to 181 implement the local housing incentive strategies adopted by the 182 local governing body. A county or an eligible municipality that 183 184 has adopted a housing incentive strategy pursuant to s. 420.9076 185 before the effective date of this act shall review the status of 186 implementation of the plan according to its adopted schedule for implementation and report its findings in the annual report 187 188 required by s. $420.9075(11) \frac{(10)}{(10)}$. If, as a result of the review, 189 a county or an eligible municipality determines that the implementation is complete and in accordance with its schedule, 190 191 no further action is necessary. If a county or an eligible municipality determines that implementation according to its 192 193 schedule is not complete, it must amend its land development regulations or establish local policies and procedures, as 194 195 necessary, to implement the housing incentive plan within 12 196 months after the effective date of this act, or if extenuating

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197 circumstances prevent implementation within 12 months, pursuant 198 to s. 420.9075(14)(13), enter into an extension agreement with 199 the corporation.

(b) A county or an eligible municipality seeking approval
to receive its share of the local housing distribution must
adopt an ordinance containing the following provisions:

203 1. Creation of a local housing assistance trust fund as
204 described in s. 420.9075(7)(6).

205 2. Adoption by resolution of a local housing assistance
206 plan as defined in s. 420.9071(14) to be implemented through a
207 local housing partnership as defined in s. 420.9071(18).

3. Designation of the responsibility for the administration of the local housing assistance plan. Such ordinance may also provide for the contracting of all or part of the administrative or other functions of the program to a third person or entity.

4. Creation of the affordable housing advisory committeeas provided in s. 420.9076.

The ordinance must not take effect until at least 30 days after the date of formal adoption. Ordinances in effect prior to the effective date of amendments to this section shall be amended as needed to conform to new provisions.

220 Section 3. Present subsections (6) through (13) of section 221 420.9075, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) 222 through (14), respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to 223 that section, to read:

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420.9075 Local housing assistance plans; partnerships.--

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225	(6) In order to assist in the recruitment and retention of
226	teachers, the following shall be included in the local housing
227	assistance plan:
228	(a) Down payment assistance shall be provided to eligible
229	persons who meet the following criteria, in addition to other
230	requirements of the plan:
231	1. The person shall be employed full time as a K-12
232	classroom teacher in this state.
233	2. The person shall be state certified in a critical need
234	area of exceptional student education, mathematics, or science.
235	3. The person shall declare his or her homestead and
236	maintain residency at his or her homestead.
237	4. The person shall be employed in a full-time, permanent
238	capacity.
239	5. The person shall demonstrate a 5-year minimum
240	commitment to continued employment as a K-12 classroom teacher
241	in a school within the county of current employment.
242	(b) Compliance with the employment eligibility criteria
243	established under this subsection shall be verified during the
244	life of the loan by the school district in which the teacher is
245	employed.
246	(c)1. The program shall provide \$4,000 as down payment
247	assistance if the city, county, or appropriate governmental
248	subdivision or agency within which an eligible recipient is
249	employed and resides waives all impact fees that occur
250	incidental to the recipient's home purchase.
251	2. In addition to the amount provided under subparagraph
252	1., the program shall provide \$4,000 as down payment assistance

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253 if the county or eligible municipality within which an eligible recipient is employed provides funding through the State Housing 254 255 Initiatives Partnership Program to the eligible recipient under 256 ss. 420.907-420.9079. 257 (d) Any lien on the recipient's property securing the assistance provided under this subsection shall be released if 258 the recipient fulfills the 5-year commitment specified in 259 260 subparagraph (a)5. 261 Each county and each eligible municipality is (e) 262 encouraged to develop an element within its local housing 263 assistance plan emphasizing the recruitment and retention of classroom teachers certified in critical need areas. 264 265 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 420.9079, Florida 266 Statutes, is amended to read: 267 420.9079 Local Government Housing Trust Fund .--268 The corporation shall administer the fund exclusively (2) 269 for the purpose of implementing the programs described in ss. 270 420.907-420.9078 and this section. With the exception of 271 monitoring the activities of counties and eligible 272 municipalities to determine local compliance with program 273 requirements, the corporation shall not receive appropriations 274 from the fund for administrative or personnel costs. For the 275 purpose of implementing the compliance monitoring provisions of s. 420.9075(10)(9), the corporation may request a maximum of 276 277 one-quarter of 1 percent of the annual appropriation per state 278 fiscal year. When such funding is appropriated, the corporation 279 shall deduct the amount appropriated prior to calculating the 280 local housing distribution pursuant to ss. 420.9072 and

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281 420.9073.

282 Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 283 723.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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723.061 Eviction; grounds, proceedings.--

(1) A mobile home park owner may evict a mobile home
owner, a mobile home tenant, a mobile home occupant, or a mobile
home only on one or more of the grounds provided in this
section.

289 (d) Change in use of the land comprising the mobile home 290 park, or the portion thereof from which mobile homes are to be 291 evicted, from mobile home lot rentals to some other use, 292 provided all tenants affected are given at least 6 months' notice of the projected change of use and of their need to 293 294 secure other accommodations. The notice shall include in a font 295 no smaller than the body of the notice: YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO 296 COMPENSATION FROM THE FLORIDA MOBILE HOME RELOCATION TRUST FUND, 297 ADMINISTERED BY THE FLORIDA MOBILE HOME RELOCATION CORPORATION 298 (FMHRC); FMHRC CONTACT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE FLORIDA 299 DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION. The park 300 owner may not give a notice of increase in lot rental amount 301 within 90 days before giving notice of a change in use.

302 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 723.06116, Florida303 Statutes, is amended to read:

304 723.06116 Payments to the Florida Mobile Home Relocation305 Corporation.--

(1) If a mobile home owner is required to move due to a
change in use of the land comprising a mobile home park as set
forth in s. 723.061(1)(d), the mobile home park owner shall,

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upon such change in use, pay to the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation for deposit in the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Trust Fund \$2,750 for each single-section mobile home and \$3,750 for each multisection mobile home for which a mobile home owner has made application for payment of moving expenses. The mobile home park owner shall make the payments required by this section and by s. 723.0612(7) to the corporation within 30 days after receipt from the corporation of the invoice for payment. Failure to make such payment within the required time period shall result in a late fee being imposed. (a) If payment is not submitted within 30 days after receipt of the invoice, a 10-percent late fee shall be assessed. If payment is not submitted within 60 days after (b) receipt of the invoice, a 15-percent late fee shall be assessed. If payment is not submitted within 90 days after (C) receipt of the invoice, a 20-percent late fee shall be assessed. (d) Any payment received 120 days or more after receipt of the invoice shall include a 25-percent late fee. Section 7. Subsection (9) of section 723.0612, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (12) is added to that section, to read: 723.0612 Change in use; relocation expenses; payments by park owner. --Any person whose application for funding pursuant to (9) subsection (1) or subsection (7) is approved for payment by the corporation shall be barred from asserting any claim or cause of action under this chapter directly relating to or arising out of the change in use of the mobile home park against the

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337 corporation, the park owner, or the park owner's successors in 338 interest. No application for funding pursuant to subsection (1) 339 or subsection (7) shall be approved by the corporation if the applicant has either filed a claim or cause of action, is 340 actively pursuing a claim or cause of action, has settled a 341 claim or cause of action, or has a judgment against the 342 corporation, the park owner, or the park owner's successors in 343 interest under this chapter directly relating to or arising out 344 345 of the change in use of the mobile home park, unless such claim 346 or cause of action is dismissed with prejudice.

347 (12) An application to the corporation for compensation under subsection (1) or subsection (7) must be received within 1 348 year after the expiration of the eviction period as established 349 350 in the notice required under s. 723.061(1)(d). If the applicant 351 files a claim or cause of action that disqualifies the applicant 352 under subsection (9) and the claim is subsequently dismissed, 353 the application must be received within 6 months following 354 filing of the dismissal with prejudice as required under subsection (9). However, such an applicant must apply within 2 355 356 years after the expiration of the eviction period as established in the notice required under s. 723.061(1)(d). 357 Section 8. Section 723.071, Florida Statutes, is amended 358 359 to read:

360 723.071 Sale of mobile home parks; legislative findings.- 361 (1) The Legislature finds that a right of first refusal to
 362 purchase a mobile home park is a property right that should be
 363 negotiated between two parties at arm's length and for due
 364 consideration. The Legislature further finds that this chapter

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365	does not preclude mobile home owners from purchasing a right of
366	first refusal from a willing park owner. The Legislature
367	therefore encourages mobile home owners to organize as a
368	homeowners' association in accordance with this chapter for the
369	purpose of negotiating a right of first refusal with a park
370	owner.

371 (2)(1)(a) If a mobile home park owner offers a mobile home 372 park for sale, she or he shall notify the officers of the 373 homeowners' association created pursuant to ss. 723.075-723.079 374 of the offer, stating the price and the terms and conditions of 375 sale.

376 The mobile home owners, by and through the association (b) defined in s. 723.075, shall have the right to purchase the 377 378 park, provided the home owners meet the price and terms and 379 conditions of the mobile home park owner by executing a contract 380 with the park owner within 45 days, unless agreed to otherwise, 381 from the date of mailing of the notice and provided they have 382 complied with ss. 723.075-723.079. If a contract between the park owner and the association is not executed within such 45-383 384 day period, then, unless the park owner thereafter elects to 385 offer the park at a price lower than the price specified in her or his notice to the officers of the homeowners' association, 386 387 the park owner has no further obligations under this subsection, 388 and her or his only obligation shall be as set forth in 389 subsection (3) (2).

390 (c) If the park owner thereafter elects to offer the park
391 at a price lower than the price specified in her or his notice
392 to the home owners, the home owners, by and through the

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393 association, will have an additional 10 days to meet the price 394 and terms and conditions of the park owner by executing a 395 contract.

396 (3) - (2)If a mobile home park owner receives a bona fide offer to purchase the park that she or he intends to consider or 397 make a counteroffer to, the park owner's only obligation shall 398 be to notify the officers of the homeowners' association that 399 she or he has received an offer and disclose the price and 400 401 material terms and conditions upon which she or he would 402 consider selling the park and consider any offer made by the 403 home owners, provided the home owners have complied with ss. 723.075-723.079. The park owner shall be under no obligation to 404 sell to the home owners or to interrupt or delay other 405 406 negotiations and shall be free at any time to execute a contract 407 for the sale of the park to a party or parties other than the home owners or the association. 408

409 (4)(3)(a) As used in subsections (2)(1) and (3)(2), the 410 term "notify" means the placing of a notice in the United States 411 mail addressed to the officers of the homeowners' association. 412 Each such notice shall be deemed to have been given upon the 413 deposit of the notice in the United States mail.

(b) As used in subsection (2) (1), the term "offer" means
any solicitation by the park owner to the general public.

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(5)(4) This section does not apply to:

(a) Any sale or transfer to a person who would be included
within the table of descent and distribution if the park owner
were to die intestate.

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(b) Any transfer by gift, devise, or operation of law.

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(c) Any transfer by a corporation to an affiliate. As used
herein, the term "affiliate" means any shareholder of the
transferring corporation; any corporation or entity owned or
controlled, directly or indirectly, by the transferring
corporation; or any other corporation or entity owned or
controlled, directly or indirectly, by any shareholder of the
transferring corporation.

428 429 (d) Any transfer by a partnership to any of its partners.(e) Any conveyance of an interest in a mobile home park

430 incidental to the financing of such mobile home park.

(f) Any conveyance resulting from the foreclosure of a
mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument encumbering a
mobile home park or any deed given in lieu of such foreclosure.

(g) Any sale or transfer between or among joint tenants ortenants in common owning a mobile home park.

(h) Any exchange of a mobile home park for other real
property, whether or not such exchange also involves the payment
of cash or other boot.

(i) The purchase of a mobile home park by a governmentalentity under its powers of eminent domain.

441 Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 723.072, Florida 442 Statutes, is amended to read:

443 723.072 Affidavit of compliance with statutory444 requirements.--

(1) A park owner may at any time record, in the official
records of the county where a mobile home park is situated, an
affidavit in which the park owner certifies that:

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With reference to an offer by him or her for the sale

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449 of such park, he or she has complied with the provisions of s. 450 723.071(2)(1);

(b) With reference to an offer received by him or her for the purchase of such park, or with reference to a counteroffer which he or she intends to make, or has made, for the sale of such park, he or she has complied with the provisions of s. 723.071(3)(2);

456 (c) Notwithstanding his or her compliance with the 457 provisions of either subsection (2) (1) or subsection (3) (2) of 458 s. 723.071, no contract has been executed for the sale of such 459 park between himself or herself and the park homeowners' 460 association;

(d) The provisions of subsections (2) (1) and (3) (2) of
s. 723.071 are inapplicable to a particular sale or transfer of
such park by him or her, and compliance with such subsections is
not required; or

465 (e) A particular sale or transfer of such park is exempted466 from the provisions of this section and s. 723.071.

Any party acquiring an interest in a mobile home park, and any 468 469 and all title insurance companies and attorneys preparing, furnishing, or examining any evidence of title, have the 470 absolute right to rely on the truth and accuracy of all 471 472 statements appearing in such affidavit and are under no 473 obligation to inquire further as to any matter or fact relating 474 to the park owner's compliance with the provisions of s. 475 723.071.

476 Section 10. Section 723.083, Florida Statutes, is amended

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477 to read:

478 723.083 Governmental action affecting removal of mobile479 home owners.--

480 (1) No agency of municipal, local, county, or state government shall approve any application for rezoning, or take 481 any other official action, which would result in the removal or 482 relocation of mobile home owners residing in a mobile home park 483 without first determining that adequate mobile home parks or 484 other suitable facilities exist for the relocation of the mobile 485 486 home owners. The existence of adequate mobile home parks or 487 other suitable facilities shall be substantiated in a written 488 document provided by the agency.

489 The agency of municipal, local, county, or state (2) 490 government considering an application for rezoning or other 491 official action shall make a written good faith estimate of the 492 fiscal costs and benefits of rezoning or official action. The 493 good faith estimate shall include, but need not be limited to, 494 annual increases in property taxes or other revenue sources and any nonrecurring revenues or fees, including, but not limited 495 496 to, impact fees, permit fees, connection fees, utility charges, 497 or other revenues.

498 (3) The written reports required under this section shall
 499 be made available to the public for inspection and copying at
 500 least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting for consideration
 501 of any such rezoning or other official act.

502Section 11.The sum of \$50 million is appropriated for503fiscal year 2007-2008 from the State Housing Trust Fund to the504State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program for the purposes

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505	of s. 420.9075(6), Florida Statutes, as created by this act.
506	This section shall take effect July 1, 2007.
507	Section 12. <u>Effective July 1, 2007, the sum of \$ 5 million</u>
508	is appropriated from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund to
509	the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for distribution through
510	the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program,
511	notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 420.9072 and 420.9073,
512	Florida Statutes, for the purpose of providing funds to eligible
513	teachers for affordable housing to assist in teacher retention
514	and recruitment in accordance with s. 420.9075(6), Florida
515	Statutes.
516	Section 13. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
517	act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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