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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to affordable housing; amending s.
3	159.807, F.S.; providing limitations on the Florida
4	Housing Finance Corporation's access to the state
5	allocation pool; deleting a provision exempting the
6	corporation from the applicability of certain uses of the
7	state allocation pool and revising language relating to
8	such uses; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; redefining the term
9	"infrastructure" to allow the proceeds of a local
10	government infrastructure surtax to be used to purchase
11	land for certain purposes relating to construction of
12	affordable housing; amending s. 420.503, F.S.; defining
13	the term "moderate rehabilitation" for purposes of the
14	Florida Housing Finance Corporation Act; amending s.
15	420.507, F.S.; providing the corporation with certain
16	powers relating to competitive programs; providing
17	criteria for the evaluation of domicile and experience of
18	developers and general contractors; providing the
19	corporation with certain powers relating to developing and
20	administering a grant program; requiring the corporation
21	to adopt rules; amending s. 420.5087, F.S.; revising
22	purposes for which state apartment incentive loans may be
23	used; amending s. 420.615, F.S.; revising provisions
24	relating to comprehensive plan amendments; authorizing
25	certain persons to challenge the compliance of an
26	amendment; creating s. 420.628, F.S.; providing
27	legislative findings and intent; requiring certain
28	governmental entities to develop and implement strategies
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29 and procedures designed to increase affordable housing 30 opportunities for young adults who are leaving the child 31 welfare system; amending s. 420.9071, F.S.; revising and 32 providing definitions; amending s. 420.9072, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 420.9073, F.S.; 33 34 revising the frequency with which local housing 35 distributions are to be made by the corporation; 36 authorizing the corporation to withhold funds from the 37 total distribution annually for specified purposes; 38 requiring counties and eligible municipalities that receive local housing distributions to expend those funds 39 in a specified manner; reenacting and amending s. 40 420.9075(5)(d), F.S., to extend the expiration date of an 41 42 exemption from certain income requirements in specified 43 areas to qualify for awards from local housing assistance 44 trust funds; providing for retroactive operation; amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; requiring that local housing assistance 45 plans address the special housing needs of persons with 46 47 disabilities; authorizing the corporation to define highcost counties and eligible municipalities by rule; 48 49 authorizing high-cost counties and certain municipalities 50 to assist persons and households meeting specific income 51 requirements; revising requirements to be included in the 52 local housing assistance plan; requiring counties and 53 certain municipalities to include certain initiatives and 54 strategies in the local housing assistance plan; revising 55 criteria that applies to awards made for the purpose of 56 providing eligible housing; authorizing and limiting the Page 2 of 36

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57 percentage of funds from the local housing distribution 58 that may be used for manufactured housing; authorizing the 59 use of certain funds for preconstruction activities; 60 providing that certain costs are a program expense; authorizing counties and certain municipalities to award 61 62 grant funds under certain conditions; providing for the 63 repayment of funds by the local housing assistance trust 64 fund; deleting cross-references to conform to changes made 65 by the act; amending s. 420.9076, F.S.; revising 66 appointments to a local affordable housing advisory committee; revising notice requirements for public 67 hearings of the advisory committee; requiring the 68 69 committee's final report, evaluation, and recommendations 70 to be submitted to the corporation; deleting a cross-71 reference to conform to changes made by the act; repealing 72 s. 420.9078, F.S., relating to state administration of 73 funds remaining in the Local Government Housing Trust 74 Fund; amending s. 420.9079, F.S.; conforming cross-75 references; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; revising district 76 school board powers and duties in relation to use of land 77 for affordable housing in certain areas for certain 78 personnel; providing effective dates. 79 80 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 81 82 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 159.807, Florida 83 Statutes, is amended to read: 84 159.807 State allocation pool.--Page 3 of 36

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(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 issue such bonds is filed with the division.

91 Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), on or (b) before November 15 of each year, the Florida Housing Finance 92 93 Corporation's access to the state allocation pool is limited to 94 the amount of the corporation's initial allocation under s. 95 159.804. Thereafter, the corporation may not receive more than 96 80 percent of the amount in the state allocation pool on 97 November 16 of each year, and may not receive more than 80 98 percent of any additional amounts that become available during 99 the remainder of the calendar year, provided the limitations set 100 forth in this paragraph shall not apply to the allocation of 101 state volume limitation to the Florida Housing Finance 102 Corporation pursuant to s. 159.81(2)(b), (c), or (d). This 103 subsection does not apply to the Florida Housing Finance 104 Corporation:

105 1. Until its allocation pursuant to s. 159.804(3) has been 106 exhausted, is unavailable, or is inadequate to provide an 107 allocation pursuant to s. 159.804(3) and any carryforwards of 108 volume limitation from prior years for the same carryforward 109 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 110 111 expired. Prior to July 1 of any year, when housing bonds for 112 2.

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113 which the Florida Housing Finance Corporation has made an 114 assignment of its allocation permitted by s. 159.804(3)(c) have 115 not been issued.

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

118 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent; 119 authorization and use of proceeds. -- It is the legislative intent that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales 120 121 surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a 122 subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the 123 levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties 124 authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the 125 maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the 126 procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if 127 required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended; 128 and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide. 129 Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as 130 provided in s. 212.054.

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(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX.--

132 (d) 1. The proceeds of the surtax authorized by this 133 subsection and any accrued interest accrued thereto shall be 134 expended by the school district, or within the county and 135 municipalities within the county, or, in the case of a 136 negotiated joint county agreement, within another county, to 137 finance, plan, and construct infrastructure; and to acquire land for public recreation, or conservation, or protection of natural 138 resources; or and to finance the closure of county-owned or 139 municipally owned solid waste landfills that have been are 140

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141 already closed or are required to be closed elose by order of 142 the Department of Environmental Protection. Any use of the such 143 proceeds or interest for purposes of landfill closure before 144 prior to July 1, 1993, is ratified. Neither The proceeds and nor 145 any interest may not accrued thereto shall be used for the 146 operational expenses of any infrastructure, except that a any 147 county that has with a population of fewer less than 75,000 and 148 that is required to close a landfill by order of the Department 149 of Environmental Protection may use the proceeds or any interest 150 accrued thereto for long-term maintenance costs associated with 151 landfill closure. Counties, as defined in s. 125.011 s. 152 125.011(1), and charter counties may, in addition, use the 153 proceeds or and any interest accrued thereto to retire or 154 service indebtedness incurred for bonds issued before prior to 155 July 1, 1987, for infrastructure purposes, and for bonds 156 subsequently issued to refund such bonds. Any use of the such 157 proceeds or interest for purposes of retiring or servicing 158 indebtedness incurred for such refunding bonds before prior to 159 July 1, 1999, is ratified.

160 <u>1.2.</u> For the purposes of this paragraph, the term 161 "infrastructure" means:

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 servicevehicle, a sheriff's office vehicle, a police department

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vehicle, or any other vehicle, and <u>the</u> 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.

175 Any fixed capital expenditure or fixed capital outlay d. associated with the improvement of private facilities that have 176 177 a life expectancy of 5 or more years and that the owner agrees 178 to make available for use on a temporary basis as needed by a 179 local government as a public emergency shelter or a staging area 180 for emergency response equipment during an emergency officially 181 declared by the state or by the local government under s. 252.38. Such improvements under this sub-subparagraph are 182 183 limited to those necessary to comply with current standards for 184 public emergency evacuation shelters. The owner must shall enter 185 into a written contract with the local government providing the 186 improvement funding to make the such private facility available 187 to the public for purposes of emergency shelter at no cost to 188 the local government for a minimum period of 10 years after 189 completion of the improvement, with the provision that the such 190 obligation will transfer to any subsequent owner until the end 191 of the minimum period.

e. Any land expenditure acquisition 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

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197 local government or by a special district that enters into a 198 written agreement with the local government to provide such 199 housing. The local government or special district may enter into 200 a ground lease with a public or private person or entity for 201 nominal or other consideration for the construction of the 202 residential housing project on land acquired pursuant to this 203 sub-subparagraph.

204 2.3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this 205 subsection, a local government infrastructure discretionary 206 sales surtax imposed or extended after July 1, 1998, the 207 effective date of this act may allocate up to provide for an 208 amount not to exceed 15 percent of the local option sales surtax 209 proceeds to be allocated for deposit in to a trust fund within 210 the county's accounts created for the purpose of funding 211 economic development projects having of a general public purpose 212 of improving targeted to improve local economies, including the 213 funding of operational costs and incentives related to such 214 economic development. The ballot statement must indicate the 215 intention to make an allocation under the authority of this 216 subparagraph.

Section 3. 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

224 is 40 percent or less of the value of the dwelling but not less

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225	than \$10,000 per dwelling unit.
226	Section 4. Subsections (47) and (48) are added to section
227	420.507, Florida Statutes, to read:
228	420.507 Powers of the corporationThe corporation shall
229	have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and
230	effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part, including
231	the following powers which are in addition to all other powers
232	granted by other provisions of this part:
233	(47) To provide by rule, in connection with any
234	corporation competitive program, criteria establishing a
235	preference for developers and general contractors domiciled in
236	this state and for developers and general contractors,
237	regardless of domicile, who have substantial experience in
238	developing or building affordable housing through the
239	corporation's programs.
240	(a) In evaluating whether a developer or general
241	contractor is domiciled in this state, the corporation shall
242	consider whether the developer's or general contractor's
243	principal office is located in this state and whether a majority
244	of the developer's or general contractor's principals and
245	financial beneficiaries reside in Florida.
246	(b) In evaluating whether a developer or general
247	contractor has substantial experience, the corporation shall
248	consider whether the developer or general contractor has
249	completed at least five developments using funds either provided
250	by or administered by the corporation.
251	(48) To develop and administer the Florida Public Housing
252	Authority Preservation Grant Program. In developing and
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253 administering the program, the corporation may: 254 (a) Develop criteria for determining the priority for 255 expending grants to preserve and rehabilitate 30-year-old and 256 older buildings and units under public housing authority control 257 as defined in chapter 421. 258 (b) Adopt rules for the grant program and exercise the 259 powers authorized in this section. 260 Section 5. Paragraphs (c) and (l) of subsection (6) of 261 section 420.5087, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 262 420.5087 State Apartment Incentive Loan Program. -- There is 263 hereby created the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program for 264 the purpose of providing first, second, or other subordinated 265 mortgage loans or loan guarantees to sponsors, including for-266 profit, nonprofit, and public entities, to provide housing 267 affordable to very-low-income persons. 268 (6) On all state apartment incentive loans, except loans 269 made to housing communities for the elderly to provide for 270 lifesafety, building preservation, health, sanitation, or 271 security-related repairs or improvements, the following 272 provisions shall apply: 273 The corporation shall provide by rule for the (C) 274 establishment of a review committee composed of the department 275 and corporation staff and shall establish by rule a scoring 276 system for evaluation and competitive ranking of applications 277 submitted in this program, including, but not limited to, the following criteria: 278 279 Tenant income and demographic targeting objectives of 1. 280 the corporation.

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281 2. Targeting objectives of the corporation which will
282 ensure an equitable distribution of loans between rural and
283 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.

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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

293 b. Forty percent of the units in the project for persons 294 or families who have incomes that do not exceed 60 percent of 295 the state or local median income, whichever is higher, without 296 requiring a greater amount of the loans as provided in this 297 section.

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5. Provision for tenant counseling.

299 6. Sponsor's agreement to accept rental assistance300 certificates or vouchers as payment for rent.

301 7. Projects requiring the least amount of a state 302 apartment incentive loan compared to overall project cost except 303 that the share of the loan attributable to units serving 304 extremely-low-income persons shall be excluded from this 305 requirement.

306 8. Local government contributions and local government 307 comprehensive planning and activities that promote affordable 308 housing.

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CS/HB 161 2009 309 9. Project feasibility. 310 10. Economic viability of the project. 311 11. Commitment of first mortgage financing. 312 12. Sponsor's prior experience, including whether the 313 developer and general contractor have substantial experience, as 314 provided in s. 420.507(47). 315 13. Sponsor's ability to proceed with construction. 316 Projects that directly implement or assist welfare-to-14. 317 work transitioning. Projects that reserve units for extremely-low-income 318 15. 319 persons. 320 Projects that include green building principles, 16. 321 storm-resistant construction, or other elements that reduce 322 long-term costs relating to maintenance, utilities, or 323 insurance. 17. Domicile of the developer and general contractor, as 324 325 provided in s. 420.507(47). 326 (1) The proceeds of all loans shall be used for new 327 construction, moderate rehabilitation, or substantial 328 rehabilitation which creates or preserves affordable, safe, and 329 sanitary housing units. 330 Section 6. Subsection (5) of section 420.615, Florida 331 Statutes, is amended to read: 332 420.615 Affordable housing land donation density bonus 333 incentives.--The local government, as part of the approval process, 334 (5) shall adopt a comprehensive plan amendment, pursuant to part II 335 336 of chapter 163, for the receiving land that incorporates the Page 12 of 36

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364	tenants.
363	them, and their own lack of knowledge about how to be good
362	availability, the unwillingness of many landlords to rent to
361	youth aging out of the foster care system are cost, lack of
360	(c) The main barriers to safe and affordable housing for
359	members of society.
358	habits, and relationships that will enable them to be productive
357	enter adulthood without the knowledge, skills, attitudes,
356	(b) These youth in foster care are among those who may
355	barriers to a successful transition to adulthood.
354	families, group homes, and institutions and who face numerous
353	adults who, through no fault of their own, live in foster
352	(1)(a) The Legislature finds that there are many young
351	leaving foster care; legislative findings and intent
350	420.628 Affordable housing for children and young adults
349	to read:
348	Section 7. Section 420.628, Florida Statutes, is created
347	amendment.
346	of s. 163.3187(3) to challenge the compliance of an adopted plan
345	petition for administrative review pursuant to the requirements
344	affected person, as defined in s. 163.3184(1), may file a
343	frequency of plan amendments as provided in s. 163.3187. <u>An</u>
342	is exempt from <u>s. 163.3187(1)(c)1. and</u> the limitation on the
341	subject to the requirements of s. $163.3184(3) - (11)(3) - (6)$, and
340	scale amendments pursuant to s. 163.3187(1)(c)2. and 3., is not
339	requirements of adopted in the manner as required for small-
338	law a small scale amendment, shall be subject only to the
337	density bonus. Such amendment shall be deemed by operation of

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365 The Legislature also finds that young adults who (d) 366 emancipate from the child welfare system are at risk of becoming 367 homeless and those who were formerly in foster care are 368 disproportionately represented in the homeless population. 369 Without the stability of safe housing, all other services, 370 training, and opportunities may not be effective. 371 The Legislature further finds that making affordable (e) housing available for young adults who transition from foster 372 373 care decreases their chance of homelessness and may increase 374 their ability to live independently in the future. 375 The Legislature finds that the Road-to-Independence (f) 376 Program, as described in s. 409.1451, is similar to the Job 377 Training Partnership Act for purposes of s. 42(i)(3)(D)(i)(II) 378 of the Internal Revenue Code. 379 The Legislature affirms that young adults (g) 380 transitioning out of foster care are to be considered eligible 381 persons, as defined in ss. 420.503(17) and 420.9071(10), for 382 affordable housing purposes and shall be encouraged to 383 participate in state, federal, and local affordable housing 384 programs. 385 (h) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to 386 encourage the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, State Housing 387 Initiative Partnership Program agencies, local housing finance 388 agencies, public housing authorities and their agents, developers, and other providers of affordable housing to make 389 390 affordable housing available to youth transitioning out of foster care whenever and wherever possible. 391 392 (2) The Florida Housing Finance Corporation, State Housing Page 14 of 36

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393 Initiative Partnership Program agencies, local housing finance 394 agencies, and public housing authorities shall coordinate with 395 the Department of Children and Family Services and their agents 396 and community-based care providers who are operating pursuant to 397 s. 409.1671 to develop and implement strategies and procedures 398 designed to increase affordable housing opportunities for young 399 adults who are leaving the child welfare system. 400 Section 8. Subsections (4), (8), (16), and (25) of section 401 420.9071, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (29) and (30) are added to that section, to read: 402 403 420.9071 Definitions.--As used in ss. 420.907-420.9079, 404 the term: 405 "Annual gross income" means annual income as defined (4) 406 under the Section 8 housing assistance payments programs in 24 407 C.F.R. part 5; annual income as reported under the census long 408 form for the recent available decennial census; or adjusted 409 gross income as defined for purposes of reporting under Internal Revenue Service Form 1040 for individual federal annual income 410 411 tax purposes or as defined by standard practices used in the 412 lending industry as detailed in the local housing assistance 413 plan and approved by the corporation. Counties and eligible 414 municipalities shall calculate income by annualizing verified 415 sources of income for the household as the amount of income to 416 be received in a household during the 12 months following the effective date of the determination. 417 "Eligible housing" means any real and personal 418 (8) property located within the county or the eligible municipality 419 420 which is designed and intended for the primary purpose of

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421 providing decent, safe, and sanitary residential units that are 422 designed to meet the standards of the Florida Building Code or a 423 predecessor building code adopted under chapter 553, or 424 manufactured housing constructed after June 1994 and installed 425 in accordance with mobile home installation standards of the 426 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, for home 427 ownership or rental for eligible persons as designated by each 428 county or eligible municipality participating in the State 429 Housing Initiatives Partnership Program.

"Local housing incentive strategies" means local 430 (16)431 regulatory reform or incentive programs to encourage or 432 facilitate affordable housing production, which include at a minimum, assurance that permits as defined in s. 163.3164(7) and 433 434 (8) for affordable housing projects are expedited to a greater degree than other projects; an ongoing process for review of 435 436 local policies, ordinances, regulations, and plan provisions 437 that increase the cost of housing prior to their adoption; and a 438 schedule for implementing the incentive strategies. Local 439 housing incentive strategies may also include other regulatory 440 reforms, such as those enumerated in s. 420.9076 or those 441 recommended by the affordable housing advisory committee in its 442 triennial evaluation 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

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449 on the terms of a grant award or loan award.

450 (29) "Assisted housing" or "assisted housing development"
451 means a rental housing development, including rental housing in
452 a mixed-use development, that received or currently receives
453 funding from any federal or state housing program.

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

459 Section 9. Subsection (6) of section 420.9072, Florida460 Statutes, is amended to read:

461 420.9072 State Housing Initiatives Partnership 462 Program. -- The State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program is 463 created for the purpose of providing funds to counties and 464 eligible municipalities as an incentive for the creation of 465 local housing partnerships, to expand production of and preserve 466 affordable housing, to further the housing element of the local 467 government comprehensive plan specific to affordable housing, 468 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.

474 Section 10. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 420.9073, 475 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (5), (6), and (7) 476 are added to that section, to read:

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420.9073 Local housing distributions.--

478 Distributions calculated in this section shall be (1)479 disbursed on a quarterly or more frequent monthly basis by the 480 corporation beginning the first day of the month after program 481 approval pursuant to s. 420.9072, subject to availability of 482 funds. Each county's share of the funds to be distributed from 483 the portion of the funds in the Local Government Housing Trust 484 Fund received pursuant to s. 201.15(9) shall be calculated by 485 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.

499 2. If the result in subparagraph 1. is less than the
500 guaranteed amount as determined in subsection (3), that county's
501 additional share shall be zero.

502 3. For each county in which the result in subparagraph 1.
503 is greater than the guaranteed amount as determined in
504 subsection (3), the amount calculated in subparagraph 1. shall

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505 be reduced by the guaranteed amount. The result for each such 506 county shall be expressed as a percentage of the amounts so 507 determined for all counties. Each such county shall receive an 508 additional share equal to such percentage multiplied by the 509 total funds received by the Local Government Housing Trust Fund 510 pursuant to s. 201.15(9) reduced by the guaranteed amount paid 511 to all counties.

512 Effective July 1, 1995, Distributions calculated in (2) 513 this section shall be disbursed on a quarterly or more frequent 514 monthly basis by the corporation beginning the first day of the 515 month after program approval pursuant to s. 420.9072, subject to 516 availability of funds. Each county's share of the funds to be distributed from the portion of the funds in the Local 517 518 Government Housing Trust Fund received pursuant to s. 201.15(10) 519 shall be calculated by the corporation for each fiscal year as 520 follows:

521 (a) Each county shall receive the guaranteed amount for522 each fiscal year.

523 (b) Each county may receive an additional share calculated 524 as follows:

525 1. Multiply each county's percentage of the total state 526 population, by the total funds to be distributed.

527 2. If the result in subparagraph 1. is less than the 528 guaranteed amount as determined in subsection (3), that county's 529 additional share shall be zero.

530 3. For each county in which the result in subparagraph 1. 531 is greater than the guaranteed amount, the amount calculated in 532 subparagraph 1. shall be reduced by the guaranteed amount. The

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533 result for each such county shall be expressed as a percentage 534 of the amounts so determined for all counties. Each such county 535 shall receive an additional share equal to this percentage 536 multiplied by the total funds received by the Local Government 537 Housing Trust Fund pursuant to s. 201.15(10) as reduced by the 538 guaranteed amount paid to all counties.

539 (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1) - (4), the corporation 540 is authorized to withhold up to \$5 million from the total 541 distribution each fiscal year to provide additional funding to 542 counties and eligible municipalities in which a state of 543 emergency has been declared by the Governor pursuant to chapter 544 252. Any portion of such funds not distributed under this 545 subsection by the end of the fiscal year shall be distributed as 546 provided in this section.

(6) Notwithstanding subsections (1) - (4), the corporation 547 548 is authorized to withhold up to \$5 million from the total 549 distribution each fiscal year to provide funding to counties and 550 eligible municipalities to purchase properties subject to a 551 State Housing Initiative Partnership Program lien and on which 552 foreclosure proceedings have been initiated by any mortgagee. 553 Each county and eligible municipality that receives funds under 554 this subsection shall repay such funds to the corporation not 555 later than the expenditure deadline for the fiscal year in which the funds were awarded. Amounts not repaid shall be withheld 556 557 from the subsequent year's distribution. Any portion of such 558 funds not distributed under this subsection by the end of the 559 fiscal year shall be distributed as provided in this section. 560 (7) A county or eligible municipality that receives local

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561 <u>housing distributions pursuant to this section shall expend</u> 562 <u>those funds in accordance with the provisions of ss. 420.907-</u> 563 <u>420.9079</u>, corporation rule, and its local housing assistance 564 plan.

565 Section 11. Effective upon this act becoming a law and 566 operating retroactively to July 1, 2008, paragraph (d) of 567 subsection (5) of section 420.9075, Florida Statutes, is 568 reenacted and amended to read:

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420.9075 Local housing assistance plans; partnerships.--

570 (5) The following criteria apply to awards made to 571 eligible sponsors or eligible persons for the purpose of 572 providing eligible housing:

(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.

577 At least 30 percent of the funds deposited into the 2. 578 local housing assistance trust fund must be reserved for awards 579 to very-low-income persons or eligible sponsors who will serve 580 very-low-income persons and at least an additional 30 percent of 581 the funds deposited into the local housing assistance trust fund 582 must be reserved for awards to low-income persons or eligible 583 sponsors who will serve low-income persons. This subparagraph does not apply to a county or an eligible municipality that 584 585 includes, or has included within the previous 5 years, an area of critical state concern designated or ratified by the 586 Legislature for which the Legislature has declared its intent to 587 588 provide affordable housing. The exemption created by this act

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589 expires on July 1, 2013 2008. 590 591 If both an award under the local housing assistance plan and 592 federal low-income housing tax credits are used to assist a 593 project and there is a conflict between the criteria prescribed 594 in this subsection and the requirements of s. 42 of the Internal 595 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the county or eligible 596 municipality may resolve the conflict by giving precedence to 597 the requirements of s. 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, in lieu of following the criteria prescribed in this 598 599 subsection with the exception of paragraphs (a) and (d) of this 600 subsection. Section 12. Subsections (1), (3), (5), and (8), paragraphs 601 602 (a) and (h) of subsection (10), and paragraph (b) of subsection (13) of section 420.9075, Florida Statutes, as amended by this 603 604 act, are amended, and subsection (14) is added to that section, 605 to read: 606 420.9075 Local housing assistance plans; partnerships.--607 (1) (a) Each county or eligible municipality participating 608 in the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program shall 609 develop and implement a local housing assistance plan created to 610 make affordable residential units available to persons of very low income, low income, or moderate income and to persons who 611 have special housing needs, including, but not limited to, 612 homeless people, the elderly, and migrant farmworkers, and 613 persons with disabilities. High-cost counties or eligible 614 615 municipalities as defined by rule of the corporation may include 616 strategies to assist persons and households having annual Page 22 of 36

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617 <u>incomes of not more than 140 percent of area median income.</u> The 618 plans are intended to increase the availability of affordable 619 residential units by combining local resources and cost-saving 620 measures into a local housing partnership and using private and 621 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.

625 2. Supplement funds available to the corporation to
626 provide enhanced funding of state housing programs within the
627 county or the eligible municipality.

628 3. Provide the local matching share of federal affordable629 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
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 isencouraged to develop a strategy within its local housing

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645 assistance plan that emphasizes the recruitment and retention of 646 essential service personnel. The local government is encouraged 647 to involve public and private sector employers. Compliance with 648 the eligibility criteria established under this strategy shall 649 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.

656 (d) Each county and each eligible municipality shall
 657 describe initiatives in the local housing assistance plan to
 658 encourage or require innovative design, green building
 659 principles, storm-resistant construction, or other elements that
 660 reduce long-term costs relating to maintenance, utilities, or
 661 insurance.

(e) Each county and each eligible municipality is
 encouraged to develop a strategy within its local housing
 assistance plan that provides program funds for the preservation
 of assisted housing.

(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.

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(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.

677 (c) Not more than 15 percent of the funds made available
 678 in each county and eligible municipality from the local housing
 679 distribution may be used for manufactured housing.

680 (d) (c) The sales price or value of new or existing 681 eligible housing may not exceed 90 percent of the average area 682 purchase price in the statistical area in which the eligible 683 housing is located. Such average area purchase price may be that 684 calculated for any 12-month period beginning not earlier than 685 the fourth calendar year prior to the year in which the award 686 occurs or as otherwise established by the United States 687 Department of the Treasury.

688 (e) (d) 1. All units constructed, rehabilitated, or 689 otherwise assisted with the funds provided from the local 690 housing assistance trust fund must be occupied by very-low-691 income persons, low-income persons, and moderate-income persons 692 except as otherwise provided in this section.

693 2. At least 30 percent of the funds deposited into the 694 local housing assistance trust fund must be reserved for awards 695 to very-low-income persons or eligible sponsors who will serve 696 very-low-income persons and at least an additional 30 percent of 697 the funds deposited into the local housing assistance trust fund must be reserved for awards to low-income persons or eligible 698 sponsors who will serve low-income persons. This subparagraph 699 700 does not apply to a county or an eligible municipality that

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701 includes, or has included within the previous 5 years, an area 702 of critical state concern designated or ratified by the 703 Legislature for which the Legislature has declared its intent to 704 provide affordable housing. The exemption created by this act 705 expires on July 1, 2013.

(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.

709 (g) (f) Loans or grants for eligible rental housing constructed, rehabilitated, or otherwise assisted from the local 710 711 housing assistance trust fund must be subject to recapture 712 requirements as provided by the county or eligible municipality in its local housing assistance plan unless reserved for 713 714 eligible persons for 15 years or the term of the assistance, whichever period is longer. Eligible sponsors that offer rental 715 716 housing for sale before 15 years or that have remaining 717 mortgages funded under this program must give a first right of 718 refusal to eligible nonprofit organizations for purchase at the 719 current market value for continued occupancy by eligible 720 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 subject to recapture requirements as provided by the county or eligible municipality in its local housing assistance plan.

726 <u>(i) (h)</u> The total amount of monthly mortgage payments or 727 the amount of monthly rent charged by the eligible sponsor or 728 her or his designee must be made affordable.

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729 <u>(j)(i)</u> The maximum sales price or value per unit and the 730 maximum award per unit for eligible housing benefiting from 731 awards made pursuant to this section must be established in the 732 local housing assistance plan.

733 <u>(k)(j)</u> The benefit of assistance provided through the 734 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program must accrue to 735 eligible persons occupying eligible housing. This provision 736 shall not be construed to prohibit use of the local housing 737 distribution funds for a mixed income rental development.

738 (1) (k) Funds from the local housing distribution not used 739 to meet the criteria established in paragraph (a) or paragraph 740 (b) or not used for the administration of a local housing 741 assistance plan must be used for housing production and finance 742 activities, including, but not limited to, financing 743 preconstruction activities or the purchase of existing units, 744 providing rental housing, and providing home ownership training 745 to prospective home buyers and owners of homes assisted through 746 the local housing assistance plan.

747 <u>1.</u> Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and
748 (b), program income as defined in s. 420.9071(24) may also be
749 used to fund activities described in this paragraph.

750 <u>2. When preconstruction due diligence activities conducted</u> 751 <u>as part of a preservation strategy show that preservation of the</u> 752 <u>units is not feasible and will not result in the production of</u> 753 <u>an eligible unit, such costs shall be deemed a program expense</u> 754 <u>rather than an administrative expense if such program expenses</u> 755 <u>do not exceed 3 percent of the annual local housing</u> 756 distribution.

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757 If both an award under the local housing assistance 3. 758 plan and federal low-income housing tax credits are used to 759 assist a project and there is a conflict between the criteria 760 prescribed in this subsection and the requirements of s. 42 of 761 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the county or 762 eligible municipality may resolve the conflict by giving 763 precedence to the requirements of s. 42 of the Internal Revenue 764 Code of 1986, as amended, in lieu of following the criteria 765 prescribed in this subsection with the exception of paragraphs 766 (a) and (e) (d) 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 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

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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, <u>persons with</u> <u>disabilities</u>, 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.

808 1. The notice must specify a date of termination of the 809 funding if the affected county or eligible municipality does not 810 implement the plan or strategy and provide for a local response. 811 A county or eligible municipality shall respond to the 812 corporation within 30 days after receipt of the notice of

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813 termination.

814 The corporation shall consider the local response that 2. 815 extenuating circumstances precluded implementation and grant an 816 extension to the timeframe for implementation. Such an extension 817 shall be made in the form of an extension agreement that provides a timeframe for implementation. The chief elected 818 819 official of a county or eligible municipality or his or her 820 designee shall have the authority to enter into the agreement on 821 behalf of the local government.

822 If the county or the eligible municipality has not 3. 823 implemented the incentive strategy or entered into an extension 824 agreement by the termination date specified in the notice, the 825 local housing distribution share terminates, and any uncommitted 826 local housing distribution funds held by the affected county or eligible municipality in its local housing assistance trust fund 827 828 shall be transferred to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund 829 to the credit of the corporation to administer pursuant to s. 830 420.9078.

831 4.a. If the affected local government fails to meet the 832 timeframes specified in the agreement, the corporation shall 833 terminate funds. The corporation shall send a notice of 834 termination of the local government's share of the local housing 835 distribution by certified mail to the affected local government. 836 The notice shall specify the termination date, and any uncommitted funds held by the affected local government shall be 837 transferred to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund to the 838 839 credit of the corporation to administer pursuant to s. 420.9078. 840 If the corporation terminates funds to a county, but an b.

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841 eligible municipality receiving a local housing distribution 842 pursuant to an interlocal agreement maintains compliance with 843 program requirements, the corporation shall thereafter 844 distribute directly to the participating eligible municipality 845 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.

852 (14) If the corporation determines that a county or
853 eligible municipality has expended program funds for an
854 ineligible activity, the corporation shall require such funds to
855 be repaid to the local housing assistance trust fund. Such
856 repayment may not be made with funds from the State Housing
857 Initiatives Partnership Program.

858 Section 13. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2), subsections
859 (5) and (6), and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section
860 420.9076, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

861 420.9076 Adoption of affordable housing incentive
862 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. <u>If the local planning agency is</u>
<u>comprised of the governing board of the county or municipality</u>,
<u>the governing board may appoint a designee who is knowledgeable</u>
in the local planning process.

If a county or eligible municipality whether due to its small 878 879 size, the presence of a conflict of interest by prospective 880 appointees, or other reasonable factor, is unable to appoint a 881 citizen actively engaged in these activities in connection with 882 affordable housing, a citizen engaged in the activity without 883 regard to affordable housing may be appointed. Local governments 884 that receive the minimum allocation under the State Housing 885 Initiatives Partnership Program may elect to appoint an 886 affordable housing advisory committee with fewer than 11 887 representatives if they are unable to find representatives who 888 meet the criteria of paragraphs (a) - (k).

889 The approval by the advisory committee of its local (5) 890 housing incentive strategies recommendations and its review of 891 local government implementation of previously recommended 892 strategies must be made by affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of the advisory committee taken at a public hearing. 893 Notice of the time, date, and place of the public hearing of the 894 advisory committee to adopt its evaluation and final local 895 896 housing incentive strategies recommendations must be published

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897 in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county. The 898 notice must contain a short and concise summary of the 899 evaluation and local housing incentives strategies 900 recommendations to be considered by the advisory committee. The 901 notice must state the public place where a copy of the 902 evaluation and tentative advisory committee recommendations can 903 be obtained by interested persons. The final report, evaluation, 904 and recommendations shall be submitted to the corporation.

905 (6) Within 90 days after the date of receipt of the 906 evaluation and local housing incentive strategies 907 recommendations from the advisory committee, the governing body 908 of the appointing local government shall adopt an amendment to 909 its local housing assistance plan to incorporate the local 910 housing incentive strategies it will implement within its jurisdiction. The amendment must include, at a minimum, the 911 912 local housing incentive strategies required under s. 913 420.9071(16). The local government must consider the strategies 914 specified in paragraphs (4)(a)-(k) as recommended by the 915 advisory committee.

916 (7) The governing board of the county or the eligible 917 municipality shall notify the corporation by certified mail of 918 its adoption of an amendment of its local housing assistance 919 plan to incorporate local housing incentive strategies. The 920 notice must include a copy of the approved amended plan.

921 (a) If the corporation fails to receive timely the
922 approved amended local housing assistance plan to incorporate
923 local housing incentive strategies, a notice of termination of
924 its share of the local housing distribution shall be sent by

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925 certified mail by the corporation to the affected county or 926 eligible municipality. The notice of termination must specify a 927 date of termination of the funding if the affected county or 928 eligible municipality has not adopted an amended local housing 929 assistance plan to incorporate local housing incentive 930 strategies. If the county or the eligible municipality has not 931 adopted an amended local housing assistance plan to incorporate 932 local housing incentive strategies by the termination date specified in the notice of termination, the local distribution 933 share terminates; and any uncommitted local distribution funds 934 935 held by the affected county or eligible municipality in its 936 local housing assistance trust fund shall be transferred to the 937 Local Government Housing Trust Fund to the credit of the 938 corporation to administer the local government housing program 939 pursuant to s. 420.9078.

940 Section 14. <u>Section 420.9078</u>, Florida Statutes, is 941 <u>repealed</u>.

942 Section 15. Section 420.9079, Florida Statutes, as amended 943 by chapter 2009-2, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

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420.9079 Local Government Housing Trust Fund.--

945 There is created in the State Treasury the Local (1)946 Government Housing Trust Fund, which shall be administered by 947 the corporation on behalf of the department according to the 948 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 949 950 documentary stamp tax revenues as provided in s. 201.15, moneys received from any other source for the purposes of ss. 420.907-951 952 420.9076 420.907-420.9078 and this section, and all proceeds

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953 derived from the investment of such moneys. Moneys in the fund 954 that are not currently needed for the purposes of the programs 955 administered pursuant to ss. <u>420.907-420.9076</u> <u>420.907-420.9078</u> 956 and this section shall be deposited to the credit of the fund 957 and may be invested as provided by law. The interest received on 958 any such investment shall be credited to the fund.

959 (2)The corporation shall administer the fund exclusively 960 for the purpose of implementing the programs described in ss. 961 420.907-420.9076 420.907-420.9078 and this section. With the 962 exception of monitoring the activities of counties and eligible 963 municipalities to determine local compliance with program 964 requirements, the corporation shall not receive appropriations 965 from the fund for administrative or personnel costs. For the 966 purpose of implementing the compliance monitoring provisions of 967 s. 420.9075(9), the corporation may request a maximum of one-968 quarter of 1 percent of the annual appropriation per state 969 fiscal year. When such funding is appropriated, the corporation 970 shall deduct the amount appropriated prior to calculating the 971 local housing distribution pursuant to ss. 420.9072 and 972 420.9073.

973 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the 974 contrary and for the 2008-2009 fiscal year only, the corporation 975 shall return unexpended funds held by the corporation pursuant 976 to this section and part V of this chapter to the State Treasury 977 as directed by law. This subsection expires June 30, 2009. 978 Section 16. Subsection (12) of section 1001.43, Florida 979 Statutes, is amended to read: 980 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school

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981 board.--The district school board may exercise the following 982 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or 983 State Board of Education rule.

984 (12) AFFORDABLE HOUSING. -- A district school board may use 985 portions of school sites purchased within the guidelines of the 986 State Requirements for Educational Facilities, land deemed not 987 usable for educational purposes because of location or other 988 factors, or land declared as surplus by the board to provide 989 sites for affordable housing for teachers and other district 990 personnel and, in areas of critical state concern, for other 991 essential services personnel as defined by local affordable 992 housing eligibility requirements, independently or in 993 conjunction with other agencies as described in subsection (5). Section 17. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 994

995 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

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