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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to increment revenues; amending s.
3 163.370, F.S.; providing that law enforcement, fire
4 suppression, emergency rescue, and code enforcement
5 services are not deemed unrelated to the carrying out
6 of a community redevelopment plan, for purposes of
7 financing by increment revenues; authorizing a county
8 or municipality to fund the incremental costs of law
9 enforcement and emergency response for a community
10 redevelopment area using increment revenues under
11 certain circumstances; amending ss. 163.340 and
12 163.358, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing
13 an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Present subsection (4) of section 163.370,
18 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), paragraph
19 (c) of subsection (3) of that section is amended, and a new
20 subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

21 163.370 Powers; counties and municipalities; community
22 redevelopment agencies.—

23 (3) The following projects may not be paid for or financed
24 by increment revenues:

25 (c) General government operating expenses unrelated to the
26 planning and carrying out of a community redevelopment plan,
27 provided that law enforcement, fire suppression, emergency
28 rescue, and code enforcement services are not deemed unrelated
29 to the carrying out of a community redevelopment plan.

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30 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a county or
31 municipality may fund the incremental costs of law enforcement
32 and emergency response for a community redevelopment area using
33 increment revenues if the county or municipality and the
34 community redevelopment agency have jointly developed a
35 methodology for the distribution of those revenues for the
36 duration of the funding.

37 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (12) of section
38 163.340, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39 163.340 Definitions.—The following terms, wherever used or
40 referred to in this part, have the following meanings:

41 (12) "Related activities" means:

42 (b) The functions related to the acquisition and disposal
43 of real property pursuant to s. 163.370(5) ~~s. 163.370(4)~~.

44 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 163.358, Florida
45 Statutes, is amended to read:

46 163.358 Exercise of powers in carrying out community
47 redevelopment and related activities.—Each county and
48 municipality has all powers necessary or convenient to carry out
49 and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part,
50 including those powers granted under s. 163.370. A county or
51 municipality may delegate such powers to a community
52 redevelopment agency created under s. 163.356, except the
53 following, which continue to vest in the governing body of the
54 county or municipality:

55 (4) The power to approve the acquisition, demolition,
56 removal, or disposal of property as provided in s. 163.370(5) ~~s.~~
57 ~~163.370(4)~~ and the power to assume the responsibility to bear
58 loss as provided in s. 163.370(5) ~~s. 163.370(4)~~.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.