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S 1236. ANNEXING LOW-INCOME AREAS. Filed 5/18/10. *TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION AS THEY RELATE TO LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON POVERTY REDUCTION AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY.*

Amends GS 160A-31, which permits annexation into a municipality of any area contiguous to the municipality when all of the owners of property in the area sign the petition for annexation, to provide that if at least half of the households of an area have incomes under 200% or less of the US Census poverty thresholds, the municipality may annex an area one-eighth of the aggregate external boundaries of which are continuous to the municipality, if the owners of 75% of the real property sign a petition. Sets out criteria and methods for making the necessary income determinations.

Amends GS 160A-36(a) and GS 160A-48(a) to provide that municipalities may annex areas that meet the general annexation criteria and are completely surrounded by the municipality's primary corporate limits.

Amends GS 143B-437.04(a) to add a provision that Department of Commerce guidelines for awarding Community Development Block Grants must give priority consideration to projects located in areas annexed in order to provide water or sewer services to low-income residents.

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