



HOUSE BILL 232: LRC Study- Affordable Housing.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	House Commerce. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 23, 2021
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 232 would direct the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) to study affordable housing in the State.*

CURRENT LAW: Article 6B of Chapter 120 (G.S. 120-30.10) created the Legislative Research Commission consisting of 5 Senators and 5 Representatives. Additional members of the General Assembly and members of the public may be appointed to advisory subcommittees.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 232 would direct the Legislative Research Commission to study affordable housing in the State including:

- Examine the current availability of affordable housing in metropolitan and rural areas
- Determine the utilization and successfulness of existing federal, State, and local subsidies, grants, and other incentives and programs
- Examine the financial, social, and logistical challenges facing those in need of affordable housing
- Assess the ability of local governments to leverage existing laws and resources
- Examine the best practices of other states in increasing the availability of affordable housing
- Examine any unique challenges faced by local governments across the State
- Evaluate the potential benefits from utilizing energy efficiency standards in housing
- Assess partnerships between public utilities and private businesses to replace aging housing
- Examine costs associated with governmental rules

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 232 would be effective when it becomes law. The report, including any proposed legislation, is due to the 2022 Regular Session of the 2021 General Assembly upon its convening.

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