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SENATE BILL 905

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Short Title: Fire Protection/Student Housing.

(Public)

Sponsors:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO FACILITATE FIRE WARNING AND SUPPLEMENTAL FIRE
PROTECTION SYSTEMS IN STUDENT HOUSING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

"PART 7. FIRE SAFETY.

"§ 116-44.6. Definitions.

Unless the context clearly requires another meaning, the following definitions apply in this Part:

- (1) Fraternity or sorority. – A social, professional, or educational incorporated organization that, by official recognition, is affiliated or identified with a public or nonpublic institution of higher education in this State and which maintains a living facility that provides

1 accommodations for five or more students enrolled at the recognition-
2 granting institution of higher education.

3 (2) Fund. – The Fire Safety Loan Fund authorized by this Part.

4 (3) Living facility. – A sleeping facility capable of overnight
5 accommodation and other capabilities which support continuous
6 occupancy.

7 (4) Residence hall. – A living facility maintained by a public or nonpublic
8 institution of higher education in North Carolina or by the North
9 Carolina School of Science and Mathematics for use by enrolled
10 students.

11 (5) Supplemental fire safety protection system. – A water system capability
12 which is sized to accommodate the added water supply pressure and
13 volume required for building fire protection.

14 (6) Water system. –

15 a. A city, county, or sanitary district; or

16 b. A water and sewer authority, a metropolitan water district, or
17 county water and sewer district, established pursuant to Chapter
18 162A of the General Statutes.

19 **"§ 116-44.7. Exemption from certain fees and charges.**

20 No water system serving a residence hall or fraternity or sorority housing shall levy or
21 collect from such residence hall or fraternity or sorority housing any water-meter fee,
22 water-hydrant fee, tap fee, or similar service fee with respect to supporting a
23 supplemental fire safety protection system.

24 **"§ 116-44.8. Fire Safety Loan Fund.**

25 (a) There is established the Fire Safety Loan Fund. The Fund shall be a revolving
26 loan fund for installing fire safety equipment and systems in fraternity and sorority
27 housing.

28 (b) The Fund shall be administered by the Office of the State Treasurer, and that
29 office may establish the policies and procedures that it deems appropriate for the
30 operation of the Fund.

31 (c) The Fund shall be operated on a revolving basis with proceeds from the
32 repayment of prior loans being made available for subsequent loans.

33 (d) Loans from the Fund shall be secured by a first or second mortgage or other
34 pledge. Loans shall be made for a period not to exceed 10 years. Interest shall not be
35 charged on loans from the Fund."

36 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.