

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 180**

Short Title: Expand Development Zones. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Cole; Alexander, Barefoot, Church, Davis, Dedmon, Fox, Goodwin, Hall, Hurley, McLawhorn, Morris, Oldham, Redwine, Tolson, and Womble.

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Referred to: Economic Growth and Community Development.

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February 20, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO MAKE MORE MUNICIPALITIES ELIGIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT  
ZONES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-129.3A(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Development Zone Defined. – A development zone is an area comprised of one or more contiguous census tracts, census block groups, or both in the most recent federal decennial census that meets all of the following conditions:

- (1) Every census tract and census block group in the zone is located in whole or in part within the primary corporate limits of a city municipality with a population of more than ~~5,000~~1,000 according to the most recent annual population estimates certified by the State Planning Officer.
- (2) It has a population of 1,000 or more according to the most recent annual population estimates certified by the State Planning Officer.
- (3) More than twenty percent (20%) of its population is below the poverty level according to the most recent federal decennial census.
- (4) Every census tract and census block group in the zone meets at least one of the following conditions:
  - a. More than ten percent (10%) of its population is below the poverty level according to the most recent federal decennial census.
  - b. It is immediately adjacent to another census tract or census block group that is in the same zone and has more than twenty percent (20%) of its population below the poverty level according to the most recent federal decennial census.

1           (5)   None of the census tracts or census block groups in the zone is located  
2                    in another development zone designated by the Secretary of  
3                    Commerce."

4           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2002.