



HOUSE BILL 859: Local Govts/Guaranteed Income Programs.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 859 would prohibit counties and cities from adopting or enforcing guaranteed income programs that are not expressly authorized by general or local law.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of House Bill 859 would enact G.S. 153A-154.13 to prohibit a county from adopting or enforcing a guaranteed income program unless expressly authorized by law. A "guaranteed income program" would be defined as "an unconditional cash payment to an individual, to be used for any purpose by the individual." The term "guaranteed income program" would not include a program under which an individual would be required to seek reemployment, perform work, or attend training as a condition of a cash payment.

Section 2 of the bill would enact G.S. 160A-205.8 to apply the same prohibition on guaranteed income programs to cities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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