



HOUSE BILL 859: Local Govts/Guaranteed Income Programs.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Commerce and Economic Development. If favorable, re-refer to State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 28, 2025
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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 amend Chapter 153A (Counties) of the General Statutes to provide that unless expressly authorized by general or local law, a county shall not adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, or policy that has the purpose or effect of making an unconditional cash payment on a regular basis to an individual under a guaranteed income program. This prohibition would not apply to a program under which an individual is required to seek reemployment, perform work, or attend training as a condition of receiving a cash payment.

Section 2 of the bill would amend Chapter 160A (Cities) of the General Statutes to apply the same prohibition to cities.

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

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