



SENATE BILL 153: North Carolina Border Protection Act, Part III: Housing Benefits Eligibility Verification

2025-2026 General Assembly

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Part III of S.L. 2026-19 (Senate Bill 153), as amended by Section 5.9.(b6) of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257), requires the Department of Commerce, the Housing Finance Agency, and all local housing authorities to do the following:

- Cease providing publicly funded housing benefits to noncitizens residing in the United States without legal permission to the extent permitted by federal law.
- Develop a plan, to the extent permitted by federal law, to update and review eligibility criteria for all publicly funded housing benefits to ensure noncitizens residing the United States without legal permission are ineligible to receive those benefits.
- Report by January 15, 2027, on the steps taken to cease providing benefits and the details of the developed and implemented plan including all federal statutes or regulations prohibiting denial of benefits.

This Part defines "publicly funded housing benefits" to include various programs or assistance administered by or through a contract with the Department of Commerce, the North Carolina Housing Agency, and any local housing authority.

Senate Bill 153 was vetoed by the Governor on June 20, 2025, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 24, 2026. This Part became effective June 24, 2026.

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