GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2023

S 1 **SENATE BILL 533**

Short Title:	Modify Insurance Coverage/Deficit Provisions.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Johnson (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate	

April 4, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 2 AN ACT TO MODIFY MEANS OF FINANCING DEFICIT EVENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 58-45-47 reads as rewritten:

"§ 58-45-47. Deficit event.

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Upon a determination by the Association that a deficit event has occurred, the Association shall determine, in its discretion, the appropriate means of financing the deficit, which may include, but is not limited to, the purchase of reinsurance, arranging lines of credit, issuance of post-event catastrophe bonds subject to Chapter 142 of the General Statutes, or other forms of borrowing or financing. If the Association determines that the member companies have paid one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) in nonrecoupable assessments for losses and expenses incurred in any given year pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Association may, subject to the verification by the Commissioner that the dollar value of losses and expenses has reached the level necessary for a catastrophe recovery charge, authorize member companies to impose a catastrophe recovery charge on their residential and commercial property insurance policyholders statewide. Catastrophe recovery charges shall be charged as a uniform percentage of written premiums as prescribed by the Commissioner and shall not exceed an aggregate amount of ten percent (10%) of the annual policy premium on any one policy of insurance. Catastrophe recovery charges collected under this section shall be transferred directly to the Association on a periodic basis as determined by the Association and ordered by the Commissioner. The Association and the FAIR Plan also shall charge their policyholders a catastrophe recovery charge as provided in this section."

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2023, and applies to contracts issued, amended, or renewed on or after that date.

