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Short Title: Municipal Fire Departments.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hall.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING CITIES TO PAY A SHARE OF THE PAYMENT DUE ON DEBT RELATING TO FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT INCURRED BY MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS WHEN THE CITIES ANNEX CERTAIN AREAS SERVED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

"Part 7. General Provisions.

"§ 160A-58.30. Assumption of municipal fire department debt after annexation.

If a county has contracted with a city to provide fire-fighting and prevention services under G.S. 153A-233 in a fire service district established under Article 16 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes and the whole or a part of the district is annexed by another city under Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes or added to the city's corporate boundaries by an act of the General Assembly, the annexing city shall pay annually to the city that provided fire prevention services a proportionate share of any payments due on any debt (including principal and interest) relating to facilities or equipment of the municipal fire department or municipal volunteer fire department if the debt was existing at the time of submission of the petition for annexation or adoption of the resolution of intent. The payments shall be in the same proportion that the assessed valuation of the area of the district annexed bears to the assessed valuation of the entire district on the date the annexation ordinance or act of the General Assembly becomes effective or another date for valuation mutually agreed upon by the city and the fire department."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.