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Introduced by Senators Birkholz and Garcia

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1341

AN ACT to amend 1966 PA 346, entitled "An act to create a state housing development authority; to define the powers and duties of the authority; to establish a housing development revolving fund; to establish a land acquisition and development fund; to establish a rehabilitation fund; to establish a conversion condominium fund; to authorize the making and purchase of loans, deferred payment loans, and grants to qualified developers, sponsors, individuals, mortgage lenders, and municipalities; to establish and provide acceleration and foreclosure procedures; to provide tax exemption; to authorize payments in lieu of taxes by nonprofit housing corporations, consumer housing cooperatives, limited dividend housing corporations, mobile home park corporations, and mobile home park associations; and to prescribe criminal penalties for violations of this act," by amending sections 32, 32a, 44c, and 44f (MCL 125.1432, 125.1432a, 125.1444c, and 125.1444f), sections 32 and 32a as amended by 2000 PA 257, section 44c as amended by 1996 PA 475, and section 44f as added by 1987 PA 180.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 32. (1) The authority may create and establish 1 or more special funds called capital reserve funds to secure notes and bonds of the authority. The authority shall pay into a capital reserve fund money appropriated and made available by this state for the purposes of the fund, the proceeds of the sale of notes or bonds to the extent provided in the resolution of the authority authorizing the issuance of the notes or bonds, and other money that is made available to the authority for the purpose of a fund from any other source. In addition to, or in lieu of, depositing money in a capital reserve fund, the authority may obtain and pledge letters of credit and, effective retroactively as of June 1, 1993, insurance policies, surety bonds, guarantees, or other security arrangements if those other security arrangements are approved by the state treasurer, for the purposes of the capital reserve fund. The amount available under letters of credit, insurance policies, surety bonds, guarantees, or other security arrangements pledged to a capital reserve fund shall be credited toward the satisfaction of a capital reserve fund requirement. All money and proceeds under letters of credit, insurance policies, surety bonds, guarantees, or other security arrangements held in a capital reserve fund, except as specifically provided, shall be used as required solely for the payment of the principal of notes or bonds of the authority secured in whole or in part by the capital reserve fund, for the purchase or redemption of notes or bonds, for the payment of interest on the notes or bonds, or for the payment of a redemption premium required to be paid when the notes or bonds are redeemed prior to maturity. However, the authority shall not use the capital reserve fund for an optional purchase or optional redemption of notes or bonds if the use would reduce the total of the money on deposit in the capital reserve fund and amounts available under a letter of credit, insurance policy, surety bond, guarantee, or other security arrangement pledged to a capital reserve fund to less than the capital reserve fund requirement established for the fund. Income or interest earned by, or increment to, a capital reserve fund due to the investment of the money in the capital reserve fund may be transferred by the authority to other funds or accounts of the authority to the extent that the transfer does not reduce the total of the amount of money in a capital reserve fund and amounts available under a letter of credit, insurance policy, surety bond, guarantee, or other security arrangement pledged to the capital reserve fund below the capital reserve fund requirement for a fund.

(2) The authority shall not at any time issue notes or bonds secured in whole or in part by a capital reserve fund if, upon the issuance of the notes or bonds, the amount in the capital reserve fund, including the amounts available under a letter of credit, insurance policy, surety bond, guarantee, or other security arrangement pledged to the capital reserve fund, would be less than the capital reserve fund requirement for the fund, unless the authority, at the time of issuance of the notes or bonds, deposits in the fund from the proceeds of the notes or bonds to be issued, or from other sources, an amount that, together with the amount then in the fund, is not less than the capital reserve fund requirement for the fund, or obtains a letter of credit, insurance policy, surety bond, guarantee, or other security arrangement in an amount that, together with the amount then in the fund, is not less than the capital reserve fund requirement for the fund. For the purposes of this section, "capital reserve fund requirement" means the requirement provided in the resolution of the authority authorizing the notes or bonds with respect to which the fund is established, which amount shall not exceed the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing and becoming due in a succeeding calendar year on the notes or bonds of the authority secured in whole or part by the fund.

(3) The authority has, before January 9, 1977, in connection with its housing development bonds issued pursuant to a bond resolution dated June 10, 1971, established within the capital reserve fund relating to housing development bonds, a capital reserve account and a capital reserve capital account. This capital reserve account constitutes a capital reserve fund under this act. Money in this capital reserve account shall secure only housing development bonds issued pursuant to the June 10, 1971 bond resolution. Unless otherwise provided by the authority, money in the capital reserve capital account shall secure all bonds and notes of the authority. In determining whether the capital reserve fund requirement established for a capital reserve fund has been met, the authority shall not include or take into account money in the capital reserve capital account.

(4) The authority has, before January 9, 1977, in connection with its insured mortgage revenue bonds issued pursuant to a bond resolution dated May 11, 1976, established a bond reserve fund. This bond reserve fund constitutes a capital reserve fund under this act.

(5) The authority may issue notes and bonds subject to the following limitations:

(a) The authority shall not have outstanding at any time bonds and notes for any of its corporate purposes in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$4,200,000,000.00, excluding all of the following:

(i) The principal amount of bonds and notes issued to refund outstanding bonds and notes.

(ii) The principal amount of bonds and notes that appreciate in principal amount, except to the extent of the principal amount of these bonds and notes payable at such time.

(iii) The principal amount of notes and bonds representing original issue discount, if any.

(b) After November 1, 2007, the limitation on the aggregate principal amount of notes and bonds provided in subdivision (a) is \$3,000,000,000.00, excluding all of the following:

(i) The exclusions provided in subparagraphs (i), (ii), and (iii) of subdivision (a).

(ii) The aggregate principal amount of bonds and notes issued on or before November 1, 2007, that is outstanding on November 1, 2007, and that exceeds \$3,000,000,000.00.

(6) Subject to the limitation in subsection (5), that portion of the state ceiling to be used for qualified mortgage bonds, mortgage credit certificates, or bonds to finance qualified residential rental projects shall be allocated to the authority unless the authority elects by resolution to allow another issuer to issue qualified mortgage bonds, mortgage credit certificates, or bonds to finance qualified residential rental projects. As used in this subsection:

(a) "State ceiling" means the aggregate amount of certain private activity bonds, including qualified mortgage bonds, that may be issued in any calendar year in this state pursuant to section 146 of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 146.

(b) "Qualified mortgage bond", "mortgage credit certificate", and "qualified residential rental project" mean those terms as defined in the internal revenue code, 26 USC 146.

(7) To assure the continued operation and solvency of the authority for the carrying out of the public purposes of this act, the authority shall accumulate in each capital reserve fund an amount equal to the capital reserve fund requirement for that fund. If at any time the capital reserve fund requirement for a capital reserve fund exceeds the amount of the capital reserve fund, the authority shall transfer to this fund from the capital reserve capital account established by the authority's June 10, 1971 bond resolution the amount necessary to restore the capital reserve fund to an amount equal to the capital reserve fund requirement. If a deficiency exists in more than 1 capital reserve fund and the amount in the capital reserve capital account is not sufficient to fully restore the capital reserve funds, the money in the capital reserve capital account shall be allocated between the deficient capital reserve funds pro rata according to the amounts of the deficiencies. If at any time the capital reserve capital account has been exhausted and the capital reserve fund requirement for a capital reserve fund exceeds the amount of the capital reserve fund, the chairperson of the authority on or before September 1 shall certify to the governor and budget director the amount, if any, necessary to restore a capital reserve fund to an amount equal to the capital reserve fund requirement. The governor and the budget director shall include in the annual budget the amount certified by the chairperson of the authority.

(8) In computing the amount of a capital reserve fund for the purposes of this section, securities in which all or a portion of the fund is invested shall be valued at par. If the securities are purchased at other than par, the securities may be valued at their cost to the authority, as adjusted by amortization of the discount or premium paid upon purchase of the securities on a pro rata basis to the maturity date of the securities.

(9) To the extent possible and consistent with sound fiscal management and good housing development planning, the authority shall make full use of available federal housing subsidy programs. The authority shall recommend programs and legislation to better maintain and improve existing housing stock.

(10) The authority shall require that not less than 15% of the multifamily dwelling units financed by mortgage loans from the authority in a calendar year under federal government subsidy programs, subject to applicable federal regulations, be offered on a priority basis to low income families and persons receiving their primary incomes from social security programs or state and federal public assistance programs.

(11) The authority shall implement a program of loans for mobile homes as soon as is reasonably feasible. The authority shall develop a program for financing the construction or rehabilitation of mobile home parks and mobile home condominium projects within 24 months after December 31, 1982, subject to a determination of feasibility by the authority and the authority's ability to sell bonds.

(12) The authority shall implement a program of loans for consumer housing cooperatives as soon as is reasonably feasible. The authority shall develop a program for financing the construction or rehabilitation of consumer housing cooperative projects within 12 months after July 10, 1984, subject to a determination of feasibility by the authority and the authority's ability to sell bonds.

(13) In addition to the powers granted the authority in this act to promulgate rules in accordance with the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, the authority shall furnish to each member of the legislature a copy of notice of a public hearing or proposed rule change at least 10 days before the public hearing and at least 20 days before the adoption of the rule.

(14) Before October 1 of each year, the authority shall identify housing production goals for housing projects financed with bonds and notes issued under the limitations provided in section 32a. The authority shall identify a goal for the authority as a whole and a specific goal for each program. The authority shall submit those goals in an annual report to the governor and to the house committee on urban affairs and the senate committee on finance, or their successor committees.

(15) Within 6 months after the legislature enacts or the authority adopts a new program, the authority shall submit an interim report to the same persons to whom an annual report is submitted. If both the legislature and the authority establish a program, the authority shall submit the interim report within 6 months after the effective date of the act establishing the program. The authority shall include in an interim report all of the information required in an annual report that is specific to that program.

(16) After the initial or an interim report, the authority shall include in an annual report all of the following for each program:

(a) Whether the production goals for the previous 12-month period have been met. If those production goals have not been met, the authority shall explain in the report the reasons why those production goals have not been met.

(b) Any significant obstacles to the development of housing for low and moderate income persons that have been encountered by the authority.

(c) The estimated economic and social benefits of these housing projects to the immediate neighborhoods in which the housing projects have been constructed.

(d) The estimated economic and social benefits of these housing projects to the municipalities in which the housing projects have been constructed.

(e) The extent of displacement, direct and indirect, of lower income persons caused by these housing projects, and steps taken by the authority and other governmental and private parties to ameliorate the displacement, and the results of those efforts.

(f) The estimated extent of additional reinvestment activities by private lenders attributable to the authority's financing of these housing projects.

(g) The age, race, family size, median income, and average income of the tenants of these housing projects.

(h) The estimated economic impact of these housing projects, including the number of construction jobs created, wages paid, and taxes and payments in lieu of taxes paid.

(i) The progress in developing mobile home parks and mobile home condominium projects, in financing the construction or rehabilitation of consumer housing cooperative projects, and in financing the construction or rehabilitation of nonprofit housing corporation projects.

(j) A report on the neighborhood preservation program under section 44f shall include information about the progress in developing the program, the neighborhoods identified as being eligible for the program, the neighborhoods

or municipalities that have applied for the program, the neighborhoods that have received funds from the program, and the reasons that neighborhoods or municipalities have been denied funds from the program.

(k) A report on the status of federal programs that provide assistance to low income tenants displaced as the result of prepayments of federally and authority assisted loans. If the authority determines that federal programs are inadequate for tenants of authority-financed housing projects, the authority will provide recommendations to the legislature as to how to address this problem on or before May 1, 1989.

(l) A report on the low income housing tax credit program under section 22b, that shall include information regarding the amount of tax credits allocated to the state under each of the subdivisions of section 22b(2); the projects that have received tax credits; and the reasons why projects have been denied tax credits under the program; a geographical description of the distribution of those tax credits; and a description of amendments to the allocation plan made during that year.

(m) A report on education and training opportunities provided by the authority under section 17 that will indicate the types of education and training opportunities made available and the amount of funding committed to these activities.

(17) The authority shall conduct an annual review of all loans, financial instruments that require repayment, or lines of credit with the Michigan broadband development authority. The review shall contain an analysis of the Michigan broadband development authority's ability to repay all loans, financial instruments that require repayment, and lines of credit with the authority and the amount and payment schedule of all current loans, financial instruments that require payment, and lines of credit with the authority. The review shall also contain an analysis of the number of authority-assisted or -financed developments and homes purchasing high-speed internet connections at substantially reduced rates as a direct result of loans from the Michigan broadband development authority, as specified in the memorandum of understanding between the authority and the Michigan broadband development authority.

(18) The authority shall insure that the income characteristics of individuals served by an authority program are provided in a manner that insures each individual's confidentiality. The authority shall also insure that proprietary information in its reports under this section concerning an individual, corporation, cooperative, or association is not released without the permission of that individual, corporation, cooperative, or association.

Sec. 32a. With respect to bonds, other than refunding bonds, issued to finance single family homes after November 1, 1989, for the first 60 days following the announcement of a program funded by the proceeds of those bonds, 50% of the proceeds of those bonds available to make loans, as determined by the preliminary information obtained by originating lenders at the time a reservation is submitted, shall be reserved for applicants with gross annual incomes at or below 60% of the statewide median gross income. The authority may, by resolution, waive this requirement. The authority shall advise the house of representatives and senate standing committees with jurisdiction over housing issues 5 days prior to adopting a resolution waiving this requirement. With respect to bonds, other than refunding bonds, issued to finance single family homes after November 1, 1989, not more than 50% of the proceeds of those bonds may be used to finance single family homes for homebuyers who previously have had an ownership interest in a residence. For purposes of this section, a previous ownership interest in a mobile home shall not be considered to be an ownership interest in a residence. The authority may rely on the applicant's affidavit to determine whether or not the applicant has had a prior ownership interest in a residence. The authority shall publicize the programs funded under this section by using all reasonable means available, including, but not limited to, public interest announcements in the media, and announcements to lending institutions, community groups, and real estate organizations. The authority shall submit a report annually to the legislature containing all statistics necessary to indicate its compliance with this section.

Sec. 44c. (1) If the resolution authorizing the issuance of notes or bonds provides that the notes or bonds are limited and not general obligations of the authority, are not secured by the capital reserve capital account, and are secured solely by revenues and property derived from or obtained in connection with the housing project, the authority shall use the proceeds of those notes or bonds to make loans directly, or indirectly by a loan through a mortgage lender, to a nonprofit housing corporation, consumer housing cooperative, limited dividend housing corporation, limited dividend housing association, mobile home park corporation, mobile home park association, or public body or agency for the construction, rehabilitation, long-term financing or any combination of construction, rehabilitation, or long-term financing of any of the following:

(a) Multifamily housing projects for students or low income or moderate income persons.

(b) Beginning May 1, 1984, multifamily housing projects in eligible distressed areas in which not less than 20% of the dwelling units are allotted to individuals of low or moderate income within the meaning of former section 103(b)(4)(A) of the internal revenue code of 1954 and in which not more than 80% of the dwelling units are available for occupancy without regard to income.

(c) Social, recreational, commercial, or communal facilities to serve and improve the residential area in which an authority-financed multifamily housing project is located or is planned to be located, thereby enhancing the viability of such housing.

(2) To qualify as rehabilitation under this section, the rehabilitation expenditures with respect to the project must equal or exceed 30% of the portion of the cost of acquiring the building and equipment financed with the proceeds of the notes or bonds issued to acquire and rehabilitate the project. For a project located in an eligible distressed area, the amount of rehabilitation may be less than the 30% requirement if the authority determines and expresses by resolution that the likely benefit to the community or the proposed residents of the project merits the use of this financing source. This subsection does not apply to a project for which the authority has authorized a loan commitment under this section before December 18, 1985. The authority shall not provide long-term financing for a project under this section unless the project is constructed or rehabilitated in anticipation of authority financing, the construction or rehabilitation is undertaken with authority financing, long-term financing is being provided with respect to a housing project for which regulatory or contractual restrictions assuring occupancy of some or all of the units by families or persons of low or moderate income are subject to termination within a 2-year period following the acquisition of the housing project, or a housing project which is to be owned and operated by a nonprofit housing corporation which is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501(c)(3).

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the authority shall establish by resolution higher income limits for a housing project financed under either subsection (1)(a) or (b) equal to the income limits of subsection (1)(c) if the authority determines all of the following:

(a) The owner of the housing project exercised reasonable efforts to rent the dwelling units to persons and families whose incomes did not exceed the originally applicable income limitations.

(b) For any annual period after the first tenant has occupied the housing project, the owner of the housing project has been unable to attain and sustain at least a 95% occupancy level at the housing project.

(4) Notwithstanding the expiration of lending authority under this section, multifamily housing projects financed under this section may continue to remain eligible for occupancy by persons and families whose incomes do not exceed the limits provided in subsection (1) or (3).

(5) A borrower seeking to qualify for a loan under this section shall file an application with the authority which includes the following:

(a) A description of the proposed credit enhancement. The proposed credit enhancement may be in the form of a letter of credit, bonding, guarantee, mortgage insurance, or other appropriate security in an amount sufficient to assure the authority that repayment of notes or bonds issued by the authority is reasonably secure.

(b) An undertaking to pay all costs of issuing the notes or bonds and to provide compensation for, as considered appropriate by the borrower and at no cost to the authority, any underwriters, trustees, counsel, and other professionals as are necessary to complete the financing.

(c) An application fee equal to the greater of \$4,000.00 or 0.0005 multiplied by the principal amount of notes or bonds for which issuance is requested. For a project located in an eligible distressed area, the fee required by this subdivision shall be refundable if the notes or bonds are not delivered or may be waived by the authority in the event the owner of the housing project is or will be a nonprofit housing corporation qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501(c)(3), or a limited dividend housing association wholly owned and controlled by 1 or more nonprofit corporations qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501(c)(3). In all other cases, the fee is nonrefundable.

(6) So long as there is uncommitted bonding capability under the limitations of section 32, the authority shall issue a 6-month commitment to loan funds, subject to sale by the authority of its notes and bonds in compliance with applicable law and pursuant to terms and conditions which permit the funding of such loan, either directly or indirectly by a loan through a mortgage lender, to the borrower in the amount of the total development cost of the proposed multifamily housing project or \$25,000,000.00, whichever is less, or if the proposed multifamily housing project is located in an eligible distressed area, in the amount of the total development cost of the proposed project or \$50,000,000.00, whichever is less, upon the determination by the authority of all of the following:

(a) The housing project is eligible for financing under this section.

(b) The borrower is an eligible borrower under this act.

(c) The requirements of subsection (5) have been met.

(d) The borrower has provided evidence of a commitment to issue a credit enhancement in the form of a letter of credit, bonding, guarantee, mortgage insurance, or other appropriate security in a form and amount sufficient to assure the authority that the repayment of notes or bonds issued by the authority for purposes of making a loan to the borrower is reasonably secure. If the authority determines that repayment of the notes or bonds will be reasonably secure, the authority's review of the credit enhancement shall take the place of the authority's normal underwriting and feasibility review.

(e) If the loan is made indirectly by a loan through a mortgage lender, the requirements of section 44b have been met.

(7) Unless a borrower is either a nonprofit housing corporation qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501(c)(3), or a limited dividend housing association that is wholly owned and controlled by 1 or more nonprofit corporations qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501(c)(3), and may borrow money from the authority without an allocation of the state volume limitation, a borrower and any person who is a related person to the borrower as defined in section 144(a)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 144(a)(3), shall not have outstanding loan commitments under this section which total more than the greater of \$25,000,000.00 or the amount of financing approved for a single project under subsection (6). Once a loan has been made under this section, the commitment made with respect to the loan shall no longer be considered to be outstanding.

(8) Simultaneously with the issuance of the loan commitment by the authority, the borrower shall pay a commitment fee established by the authority in the amount of not more than 0.1% of the principal amount of notes or bonds to be issued. The authority shall credit the amount paid by the borrower as an application fee under subsection (5) against this commitment fee. The authority shall extend a 6-month loan commitment issued under subsection (6) for an additional 6 months upon payment by the borrower of a nonrefundable extension fee of \$5,000.00 which fee shall not be credited against any other fee or payment to the authority.

(9) Within the period during which the commitment is effective, the authority, upon a determination that the terms and conditions of the commitment have been satisfied, shall make its loan directly, or indirectly through a loan to a mortgage lender, to the borrower.

(10) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, upon issuance of any notes or bonds to finance a housing project under this section, the borrower shall pay at the time the notes or bonds are issued, in addition to any commitment or extension fee paid under subsection (8), a fee established by the authority of either not more than 0.9% of the principal amount of the notes or bonds for a loan made for a project located in an eligible distressed area or not more than 1.9% of the principal amount of the notes or bonds for a loan made for a project located in other than an eligible distressed area. If notes or bonds have been issued under this section for a project owned by the borrower located in an eligible distressed area within 180 days before the issuance of notes or bonds for the next project financed by that borrower, which next project is located in other than an eligible distressed area, the fee under this subsection shall be not more than 0.9% of the principal amount of the notes or bonds. If notes or bonds have been issued under this section for a project located in other than an eligible distressed area and the borrower has paid the 1.9% fee, the authority shall not charge a fee under this subsection for the next project financed by that borrower if that next project is located in an eligible distressed area and if the notes or bonds are issued within 180 days after the notes or bonds were issued for the project located in other than an eligible distressed area. In addition to the fee to be paid to the authority at the time notes or bonds are issued under this section, the authority may, at its sole discretion, establish an annual fee, or other administrative fees, to be paid by the borrower during the term of the loan. All or any portion of the fees due to the authority under this subsection shall be paid by the borrower to the authority in annual or semiannual installments, as the authority shall determine, after the date on which notes or bonds are issued to finance the related housing project.

(11) Subject to any rights of the holders of any notes or bonds issued to finance a multifamily housing project under this section, if the owner of a multifamily housing project financed under this section provides evidence satisfactory to the authority that the new owner of the multifamily housing project is an eligible borrower under this act and the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the notes or bonds issued to finance the multifamily housing project will not be impaired as a result of a sale, refinancing, or resyndication, the borrower may sell, refinance from a source other than the authority, or resyndicate that housing project at any time. There shall not be a prepayment penalty or fee required for the sale, refinancing, or resyndication in addition to any prepayment penalty or fee owing to the holders of notes or bonds issued to finance a housing project under this section except that the owner shall pay all fees of the authority described in subsection (10) before or concurrent with the sale, refinancing, or resyndication. For student housing, a transfer of ownership shall be approved by a resolution of the college or university board of trustees for the college or university that approved the initial financing under this section.

(12) A borrower is allowed distributions equal to a 12% return on the borrower's investment in a multifamily housing project financed under this section for the first 12 months of operation of the housing project following substantial completion. The allowable return shall be increased by 1% for each 12-month period after the first 12 months. The maximum allowable return for a housing project located in other than an eligible distressed area is 25%. Any return less than the allowable rate in any preceding period may be received in any subsequent period on a cumulative basis.

(13) Before September 1 of each year after 1984, the owner of a housing project financed under this section shall report to the authority all of the following which the authority shall include in the report required by section 32(14):

(a) The incomes of the tenants residing in that housing project in a manner that preserves the anonymity of those tenants.

(b) The estimated economic and social benefits of that housing project to the immediate neighborhoods in which it has been constructed.

(c) The estimated economic and social benefits of that housing project to the city in which it has been constructed.

(d) Information requested by the authority about that housing project that is needed so that the authority can report the extent of displacement, direct and indirect, of lower income persons caused by housing projects financed under this section, the steps taken by governmental and private parties to ameliorate the displacement, and the results of those efforts.

(e) Information requested by the authority about that housing project that is needed so that the authority can report the estimated extent of additional reinvestment activities by private lenders attributable to the authority's financing of housing projects financed under this section.

(f) Except for housing for students, the age, race, family size, and average income of the tenants of these housing projects.

(g) The estimated economic impact of these housing projects, including the number of construction jobs created, wages paid, and taxes and payments in lieu of taxes paid.

(14) Mortgages securing loans made under this section are authority-aided mortgages.

(15) The authority may inspect and audit projects and records of projects financed under this section in order to monitor compliance with the requirements of this section. If there is noncompliance, the authority, pursuant to the provisions of the financing and organizational documents applicable to the transaction, may pursue the remedies that the authority considers appropriate. Except as is required to assure compliance with this section or section 46 or otherwise required by purchasers of, or a third party credit enhancement provider with respect to, notes or bonds issued to finance a multifamily housing project under this section, the authority shall not regulate, in any manner, a multifamily housing project financed under this section. This section does not preclude the authority from regulating a multifamily housing project in consideration for other types of program benefits, incentives, or concessions provided by the authority over and above the financing made available under this section.

(16) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, there shall not be any liability on the part of the authority or its members, officers, employees, or agents, and the assets of the authority shall not be subject to any liability, as a result of any act or failure to act under this section on the part of the authority or its members, officers, employees, or agents.

(17) If notes or bonds have been issued under this section for a project located in an eligible distressed area within 180 days before the submission, by the same borrower or a borrower having the same general partners, of a commitment for credit enhancement, that borrower's application shall be given priority over the other applications submitted under this section to finance projects located in other than eligible distressed areas, except for projects for which the authority has authorized loan commitments. The principal amount of notes or bonds issued to finance a project given priority under this subsection shall not exceed 10 times the principal amount of the notes or bonds issued to finance the distressed area project that qualifies the borrower for priority consideration.

(18) Except for housing projects for which the authority has adopted an inducement resolution on or before April 1, 1991, loans shall not be made under this section unless the authority determines that use of the state's unified volume cap for a project will not impair the ability of the authority to carry out programs or finance housing developments or housing units which are targeted to lower income persons.

(19) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, a person or entity who proposes a student housing project shall cooperate with the college or university from which the majority of tenants are proposed to be drawn by using its best efforts to communicate with the college or university regarding the location of and the need for the project. If, in the judgment of the authority, the person or entity proposing the project does not communicate with the college or university and the unit of local government where the project is located regarding the location of and need for the project, the authority may deny financing for the project. The authority shall not make a financing commitment for a housing project unless the board of trustees of the college or university from which a majority of students are anticipated to be residents of the housing project adopts a resolution in support of the proposed development.

Sec. 44f. (1) The authority may make a loan to any person or entity, whether for profit or not for profit, for predevelopment costs, or for the construction or rehabilitation, and for the long-term financing, of a 2 to 49 unit housing project located in an effectively treatable area, which project meets the 20-50 or 40-60 test established in section 142 of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 142. For rehabilitation of a housing project in an effectively treatable area by more than 1 owner, the 20-50 or 40-60 test may be met on an aggregate basis.

(2) For purposes of this section, an effectively treatable area is an area that includes or is in close proximity to a downtown or traditional commercial center and for which the authority has received a plan, to be known as a neighborhood partnership plan, from a municipality or neighborhood organization, or both. The plan shall establish as a goal that at least 75% of the property in the area will be brought to a safe and sanitary condition and shall enable the authority to determine that available private, public, and authority resources will be combined in such a manner as to assure that a majority of the housing in the area will be brought to a safe and sanitary condition. To qualify as an effectively treatable area, the area shall be in a qualified local governmental unit as defined in section 2 of the obsolete properties rehabilitation act, 2000 PA 146, MCL 125.2782, or a county seat and either be within a census tract having a serious housing need or in an area that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The increase in the state equalized value of real and personal property in the area is less than the increase in the municipality-wide or statewide average, whichever is the lesser increase.

(b) The poverty rate in the area is greater than the statewide average as determined by the most recent federal decennial census.

(c) The average income of the area is less than 80% of the statewide or area median, whichever is greater, as determined using the most recent federal decennial census.

(d) The percentage of overcrowded or underutilized housing units in the area is greater than the municipality-wide average.

(3) The authority shall provide technical assistance to help develop neighborhood partnership plans. The municipality or neighborhood organization that submits the plan shall demonstrate that community support exists and that the provision of a loan under this section will contribute to the larger effort to revitalize the area.

(4) The return on investment to the owner of a project financed under this section is not restricted as long as the housing remains in compliance with all applicable state and local codes and ordinances.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 6077 of the 92nd Legislature is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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