

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1971 SESSION

CHAPTER 1207
HOUSE BILL 1272

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES, TOWNS AND COUNTIES TO UNDERTAKE HUMAN
RELATIONS PROGRAMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The governing body of any city, town, or county is hereby authorized to undertake, and to expend tax or non-tax funds for, human relations programs. In undertaking and engaging in such programs, the governing body may enter into contracts with and accept loans and grants from the State or federal governments. The governing body may appoint such human relations committees or boards and citizens committees, as it may deem necessary in carrying out such programs and activities, and may authorize the employment of personnel by such committees or boards, and may establish their duties, responsibilities, and powers. The cities and counties may jointly undertake any program or activity which they are authorized to undertake by this section. The expenses of undertaking and engaging in the human relations programs and activities authorized by this section are declared to be necessary expenses for which funds derived from taxation may be expended without the necessity of prior approval of the voters.

Sec. 2. For the purposes of section one hereof, a "human relations program" shall be defined as one devoted to the study of problems in the area of human relations, or to the promotion of equality of opportunity for all citizens, or to the promotion of understanding, respect and goodwill among all citizens, or to the provision of channels of communication among the races, or to encourage the employment of qualified people without regard to race, or to encourage youth to become better trained and qualified for employment.

Sec. 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 21st day of July,
1971.