

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 919

PRINTER NO. 1549

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

October 5, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Haywood

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 919 amends the Housing Authorities Law to allow a victim of domestic or sexual violence to be relocated.

This legislation would authorize a housing authority to cooperate and execute agreements with other authorities to accommodate a tenant who requests to be relocated.

A tenant of a housing authority who is a victim of domestic or sexual violence may request an emergency transfer and be relocated if the tenant or affiliated individual has experienced within the last 90 days or believe they are threatened with imminent harm from domestic or sexual violence on the premises.

A housing authority is required to make a good faith effort to reasonably relocate the tenant to a safe and suitable dwelling under the authority or another authority's control.

The relocation request may be submitted for any of the following:

- Relocation to another unit within the same authority,
- Receipt of a housing choice voucher,
- Assistance identifying other housing providers which may have safe and available units, or
- Assistance with contacting local organizations assisting domestic or sexual violence victims.

The housing authority must review and determine a relocation request within five days of receiving a completed request.

This legislation provides for standards of sufficient proof to the housing authority of domestic or sexual abuse. It also provides for the confidentiality, except as ordered by a court, of relocation requests.

The bill takes effect in six months.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact on state funds associated with this legislation.