

(I) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ASSURE THAT THE PROGRAM IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE'S STRATEGY TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN TEACHERS; AND

(II) THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION, TO ASSURE THAT THE PROGRAM IS PROPERLY MARKETED.

It is further found and declared that the reduction of the consumption of energy and the increase in the utilization of solar energy by the provision of financial assistance to encourage energy conservation and solar energy improvements to housing and buildings used for commercial purposes promotes sound community development and is otherwise in the public interest.

It is further found and declared that the public infrastructure maintained by local government, which includes streets, sidewalks, curbs, sewer and water systems, bridges, and public buildings, is in need of rehabilitation and construction, that the resources necessary for financing infrastructure projects have become scarcer in recent years, and that providing an additional, accessible, and uncomplicated mechanism for financing infrastructure needs promotes sound community development, is vital to a strong economy, improves the quality of the environment, and otherwise promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State.

It is further found and declared that to promote sound community development is a proper public purpose and State use for which public money may be expended and property may be acquired, and that the functions and responsibilities of the Community Development Administration as hereinafter set forth are necessary and proper for the purpose of achieving the ends here recited.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 492

(House Bill 1247)

AN ACT concerning

~~Governor's Teacher Salary Challenge Program - Public School Teacher Salary Enhancement~~
~~Public School Funding Enhancement and Teacher Salary Challenge Act of 2000~~

Governor's Teacher Salary Challenge Program - Public School Funding Enhancement

FOR the purpose of establishing the Governor's Teacher Salary Challenge Program; requiring the State Board of Education to make certain grants to ~~local education agencies~~ county boards of education under certain circumstances; specifying