

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 161

Committee: County and Municipal GovernmentSponsor: Representative Craig LipscombAnalyst: Cary DeanDate: 05/01/2025

House Bill 161 as reported by the Committee on County and Municipal Government would increase the obligations of the Division of Construction Management (DCM), by an undetermined amount, to: (1) adopt building codes for non-residential buildings; (2) update the model building code periodically to reflect the most recent model building codes; and (3) provide guidance to local governments in assuring uniform application of the model building codes.

This bill would also reduce the administrative obligations, and the collection of penalty receipts, of local governments that have adopted building codes by removing the authority of local governments to: (1) adopt building codes for non-residential buildings; and (2) prescribe penalties for violating local building codes. Additionally, this bill could increase the obligations of any governing county or municipalities that opt to adopt a local amendment or modification to the state building code requirements pursuant to the provisions of this bill.

In addition, this bill would reduce the future obligations of the State Licensing Board for General Contractors by an undetermined amount to no longer have to establish the Alabama Commercial Energy Code Division as a new board division responsible for administering the new Alabama Commercial Energy Code Advisory Committee and for advising the Board on recommendations for the adoption of a Commercial Energy Code.