



COVID-19 Federal Legislative Tracker

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The following legislative tracker provides an update on COVID-19 related bills introduced in the 116th Congress. Each of the listed bill numbers contains a hyperlink to the Congress.gov website for additional information

Bills by Issue

COVID I Local Government Relief (18)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 4572	Referred To The Committee On Oversight And Reform And In Addition To The Committee On Financial Services For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2019 09 27	In House
Title Government Bailout Prevention Act		Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:37 PM The bill would prohibit the use of federal tax dollars by insolvent state, territory, and local governments to bail out and pay off their obligations.	
Primary Sponsors Francis Rooney		Introduction Date: 2019-09-27	
Organizational Notes Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:36 PM Press Release: https://francisrooney.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=2544			

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6328	Introduced In House 2020 03 23	In House
Title Emergency Relief for State, Territorial and Local Governments Act of 2020		Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:37 PM The Emergency Relief for State, Territorial and Local Governments Act would require the Federal Reserve to commit to purchasing short-term municipal debt as necessary for stabilizing funding needs during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.	
Primary Sponsors Rashida Tlaib		Introduction Date: 2020-03-23	
Organizational Notes Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:36 PM Press Release: https://tlaib.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-tlaib-pressley-ocasio-cortez-introduce-covid-19-bill-help-local-state			

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6366	Introduced In House 2020 03 23	In House

Title

To permit, due to the COVID-19 emergency, Federal financial regulators to allow for the temporary waiver of requirements that a State, territory, or local government provide matching or cost-sharing funds before receiving a grant from a Federal financial regulator, to allow for certain reprogramming of funds to support unemployment, childcare, and healthcare programs, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Mike San Nicolas

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:34 PM

The bill would allow for the temporary waiver of requirements that a State, territory, or local government provide matching or cost-sharing funds before receiving a grant from a Federal financial regulator.

Introduction Date: 2020-03-23

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6467	Referred To The House Committee On Oversight And Reform 2020 04 07	In House

Title

Coronavirus Community Relief Act

Description

Coronavirus Community Relief Act This bill provides \$250 billion for certain localities affected by the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic. Specifically, the bill provides funding for FY2020 for units of local government with a population of 500,000 or less. Payment shall be made within 30 days after submission of a specified certification by the locality. The amount of the payment is proportional to population. Local governments shall use the funds provided to cover only those costs that (1) are necessary and related to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, and (2) were incurred during the period of March 1-December 30, 2020. The Office of Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury shall conduct monitoring and oversight of the receipt, disbursement, and use of funds.

Primary Sponsors

Joe Neguse

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://morelle.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-joe-morelle-introduces-legislation-support-local-communities-during>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:33 PM

The Coronavirus Assistance for States Act will provide additional funding and flexibility for states and tribal governments to adequately protect and care for their residents and help begin the economic recovery from COVID-19. The funding for each state or tribal government is determined by their relative population and is expected to equal about \$1,000 per person for each state or tribal government.

Introduction Date: 2020-04-07

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6508	Introduced In House 2020 04 14	In House

Title
State Operations Stabilization (SOS) Act

Description
State Operations Stabilization (SOS) Act This bill authorizes a state, tribal government, or unit of local government to use funds made available under the Coronavirus Relief Fund to reduce a budget deficit of such government that occurred due to a loss of revenue related to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency.

Primary Sponsors
Joe Morelle

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://morelle.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-joe-morelle-introduces-legislation-support-local-communities-during>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:32 PM
The State Operations Stabilization (SOS) Act would expand the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which was recently enacted as part of the CARES Act, to allow localities to utilize funds as a replacement for lost revenue or to make up a deficit resulting from lost tax revenue due to disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction Date: 2020-04-14

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6643	Referred To The House Committee On Ways And Means 2020 04 28	In House

Title
Supporting State and Local Leaders Act

Description
Supporting State and Local Leaders Act This bill repeals the prohibition against granting federal, state, and local governments a tax credit for paid sick and paid family and medical leave.

Primary Sponsors
Brad Schneider

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:31 PM
Press Release: <https://schneider.house.gov/media/press-releases/schneider-katko-cox-king-degette-introduce-bipartisan-legislation-make-states>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:30 PM
The Supporting State and Local Leaders Act would make states and local governments eligible for the emergency paid leave payroll tax credits, which would help state and local budgets stretched thin by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction Date: 2020-04-28

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6652	Introduced In House 2020 05 01	In House

Title

Flexibility for Localities and Eligibility Expansion Act of 2020

Description

Flexibility for Localities and Eligibility Expansion Act of 2020 This bill expands the permissible uses of funds under the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Specifically, the bill authorizes a state, tribal government, or unit of local government to use funds (1) to offset revenue shortfalls that occurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020, related to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency, or (2) for COVID-19-related costs or revenue shortfalls of units of local government too small to qualify for direct funding.

Primary Sponsors

Don Bacon

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://bacon.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=490>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:28 PM
The Flexibility for Localities and Eligibility Expansion (FLEX) Act of 2020 amends current language to allow additional flexibility for state and local governments to access previously approved federal relief funds to offset lost revenue due to the health emergency from COVID-19/

Introduction Date: 2020-05-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6700	Referred To The House Committee On Transportation And Infrastructure 2020 05 05	In House

Title

To authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to approve State, local, and Indian tribal government plans to partner with small and mid-size restaurants and nonprofit organizations to provide nutritious meals to individuals in need, to waive certain matching fund requirements, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Mike Thompson

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://mikethompson.house.gov/newsroom/press-releases/thompson-mcgovern-davis-harris-scott-join-chef-jos-andr-s-to-introduce-the>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:26 PM
The FEMA Empowering Essential Deliveries (FEED) Act would allow the Federal government to pay 100 percent of the cost to states and localities so that they can partner with restaurants and nonprofits to prepare nutritious meals for vulnerable populations, such as seniors and underprivileged children.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6705	Referred To The House Committee On Oversight And Reform 2020 05 05	In House

Title

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a State and Local Government Coronavirus Relief Program to make grants to States to make up for lost revenue due to COVID-19 and social distancing steps taken by the State and political subdivisions of the State, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Cindy Axne

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:26 PM

The Coronavirus State and Local Financial Assistance Act creates a new program funded with \$500 billion to issue grants to state and local governments to offset lost revenue. The bill would help prevent cuts to essential services including emergency response, public safety, education, and local infrastructure repair.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://axne.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-axne-and-king-introduce-bipartisan-legislation-support-local-budgets-and>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6748	Referred To The Committee On Appropriations And In Addition To The Committee On The Budget For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 08	In House

Title

To provide funding for cities, counties, and other units of general local government to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Primary Sponsors

Antonio Delgado

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:21 PM

The Direct Support for Communities Act would provide local governments with direct federal relief that can be used to pay for essential services and offset lost revenues and increased costs from the COVID-19 emergency. This local assistance would complement critical relief that states also require in this crisis, which the representatives are simultaneously aggressively pursuing. Under the bill, the local relief fund would be split 50/50, half committed to cities, towns and villages, and half committed to counties.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-08

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:22 PM

Press Release: <https://delgado.house.gov/media/press-releases/delgado-zeldin-schumer-gillibrand-announce-bipartisan-legislation-will-deliver>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 2120	Introduced In Senate 2019 07 15	In Senate

Title
Government Bailout Prevention Act

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:40 PM
The bill would ensure that federal dollars cannot be used to help insolvent state, territory, or local governments pay off their obligations.

Primary Sponsors
Todd Young

Introduction Date: 2019-07-15

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:40 PM
Press Release: <https://www.young.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/young-toomey-cotton-introduce-bill-to-prevent-government-bailouts-protect-taxpayers>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3608	S Amdt 1581 Referred To The Committee On Appropriations 2020 05 07	In Senate

Title
A bill to amend the CARES Act to provide flexibility in use of funds by States, Indian Tribes, and municipalities.

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 10, 2020, 9:58 PM
The bill would give state and local governments more flexibility as they use funds provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. It would allow them to use CARES Act funding for operating expenses unrelated to the coronavirus. This bill does not allow officials to spend this CARES Act money on shoring up their pension funds.

Primary Sponsors
John Kennedy

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 10, 2020, 9:50 PM
Press Release: <https://www.kennedy.senate.gov/public/press-releases?ID=D3EA63C9-85BE-4D36-8EA0-352461DAA89B>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3614	Introduced In Senate 2020 05 05	In Senate

Title
A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to approve State and local plans to partner with small and mid-size restaurants and nonprofit organizations to provide nutritious meals to individuals in need, to waive certain matching fund requirements, and for other purposes.

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:27 PM
The FEMA Empowering Essential Deliveries (FEED) Act would allow the Federal government to pay 100 percent of the cost to states and localities so that they can partner with restaurants and nonprofits to prepare nutritious meals for vulnerable populations, such as seniors and underprivileged children. These partnerships will support businesses and small farmers as the Coronavirus pandemic continues.

Primary Sponsors
Kamala Harris

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.harris.senate.gov/news/press-releases/harris-scott-thompson-mcgovern-davis-join-chef-jos-andrs-to-introduce-the-feed-act>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3623	Introduced In Senate 2020 05 06	In Senate

Title

A bill to provide for an enhanced Coronavirus relief fund for units of government with a population of 500,000 or less, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Martin Heinrich

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:24 PM

The bill would provide \$250 billion in stabilization funds geared towards localities with populations under 500,000 that are struggling in response to the COVID-19 pandemic..

Introduction Date: 2020-05-06

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.heinrich.senate.gov/press-releases/heinrich-introduces-coronavirus-community-relief-act-to-provide-federal-assistance-for-localities-under-500000s>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3632	Introduced In Senate 2020 05 06	In Senate

Title

A bill to provide funding for cities, counties, and other units of general local government to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Primary Sponsors

Kirsten Gillibrand

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:24 PM

The bill would provide local governments with direct federal relief that can be used to pay for essential services and offset lost revenues and increased costs from the COVID-19 emergency. Under the proposed bill, the local relief fund would be split 50/50, half committed to cities, towns and villages, and half committed to counties.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-06

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:25 PM

Press Release: <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-schumer-jones-manchin-brown-bennet-peters-announce-legislation-to-deliver-direct-federal-relief-funding-to-local-governments-responding-to-and-recovering-from-coronavirus-pandemic>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3638	Introduced In Senate 2020 05 06	In Senate

Title

A bill to allow Coronavirus Relief Fund payments to be used to replace revenue shortfalls resulting from COVID-19.

Primary Sponsors

Dan Sullivan

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:25 PM

Under the proposed bill, the local relief fund would be split 50/50, half committed to cities, towns and villages, and half committed to counties. Local governments would be able to use this federal relief to help address costs associated with lost revenues and respond to the pandemic, and would help avoid cuts to essential services or local tax and fee increases.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-06

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:25 PM

Press Release: <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-schumer-jones-manchin-brown-bennet-peters-announce-legislation-to-deliver-direct-federal-relief-funding-to-local-governments-responding-to-and-recovering-from-coronavirus-pandemic>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3653	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Finance 2020 05 07	In Senate

Title

A bill to allow tax credits to State and local governments for required paid sick leave and required paid family and medical leave.

Primary Sponsors

Tina Smith

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:23 PM

The bill would make state, local and Tribal governments eligible for paid leave payroll tax credits, fixing a problem in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which requires many public and private employers to provide paid leave for workers affected by the coronavirus pandemic. That law provides tax credits to private-sector employers to cover the costs of paid leave. But the package did not extend those tax credits to public-sector employers. This is putting a financial strain on state and local governments at a time when many are grappling with additional costs brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-07

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.smith.senate.gov/us-senators-tina-smith-dick-durbin-introduce-legislative-fix-help-state-and-local-governments>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3671	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Appropriations Sponsor Introductory Remarks On Measure Cr S 2325 2326 2020 05 07	In Senate

Title

A bill to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to provide additional funding for States, Tribal Governments, and local communities due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Jack Reed

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:22 PM

The State & Local Emergency Stabilization Fund Act would ensure states, cities, and towns have the funding and flexibility they need to save lives and help communities survive the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The bill would provide an additional \$600 billion in funding for state and local governments nationwide, cut red tape, and extend the time horizon states have to spend the money in order to ensure they have the flexibility to equitably allocate and disburse the funding and help communities combat COVID-19 and recover.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-07

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:23 PM

Press Release: <https://www.reed.senate.gov/news/releases/reed-introduces-state-and-local-emergency-stabilization-fund-act>

COVID I Business Relief (6)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6292	Referred To The Subcommittee On Economic Development Public Buildings And Emergency Management 2020 03 20	In House

Title

COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Grants Act

Description

COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Grants Act This bill establishes within the Small Business Administration (SBA) the Office of Coronavirus COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Grants to compensate small businesses, located in a qualified disaster area, for substantial economic injury they suffered resulting from COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) beginning December 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2021. This compensation (1) excludes interest on the amount of the payment before the settlement or payment of a claim or any punitive or noncompensatory damages; and (2) is limited to \$100,000, except in cases where the SBA determines that a greater amount up to \$250,000 is appropriate.

Primary Sponsors

Sheila Jackson Lee

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:08 PM

The bill would establish the Office of Coronavirus COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Grants in the Small Business Administration to compensate certain small business concerns for substantial economic injury, and for other purposes.

Introduction Date: 2020-03-19

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6312	Introduced In House 2020 03 19	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2020-03-19
COVID-19 Relief for Small Businesses Act of 2020

Description

COVID-19 Relief for Small Businesses Act of 2020 This bill establishes measures to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Specifically, the SBA must temporarily make or guarantee loans for specified uses to small businesses in a state or territory with a case of COVID-19, up to 50% of which may be forgiven; pay the principal, interest, and associated fees owed on certain small business loans for a six-month period; provide grants to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury because of COVID-19; provide grants to small business development centers, women's business centers, and chapters of the Service Corps of Retired Executives for specified purposes; reimburse grant recipients under the State Trade Expansion Program for an amount of losses related to COVID-19; provide SBA resources and services in the 10 most commonly spoken languages, other than English, in the United States, including Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese, and Korean. In addition, the SBA may make economic injury disaster loans to small businesses in response to COVID-19 and waive certain requirements on such loans. The bill also temporarily increases guarantee amounts and loan sizes for certain SBA loans, temporarily waives or reduces certain fees on SBA loans, and permanently waives the guarantee fee on SBA loans for veterans; revises the Microloan Program; provides additional leverage for small businesses affected by COVID-19; reestablishes the New Markets Venture Capital Program; and requires a federal agency to provide additional performance time to small business contractors and to pay such contractors regardless of delay due to COVID-19.

Primary Sponsors

Nydia Velazquez

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6646	Introduced In House 2020 05 01	In House

Title
To provide State and local workforce and career and technical education systems with support to respond to the COVID-19 national emergency.

Primary Sponsors

Bobby Scott

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:08 PM
The Relaunching America's Workforce Act would increase support for layoff aversion strategies that allow employers to receive partial funding to keep workers on the payroll while employees improve their job skills through training. The bill would also restart a grant program supporting partnerships between community colleges and industry, which was implemented during the Great Recession and is geared toward getting workers skills for in-demand jobs.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-01

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:08 PM

Press Release: <https://bobbyscott.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/in-response-to-rising-unemployment-democrats-introduce-legislation-to>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6696	Referred To The House Committee On Small Business 2020 05 05	In House

Title

To establish a program providing grants to certain small business concerns to modify or reallocate their productive facilities to begin or increase production of certain medical supplies critical to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Sharice Davids

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:07 PM
The SUPPLIES Act would create a \$100 million grant program for small businesses that shift their production to manufacture personal protective equipment (PPE) and testing supplies in order to meet the rapidly growing demand for these items during the coronavirus pandemic.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:07 PM

Press Release: <https://davids.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-sharice-davids-introduces-bill-increase-supply-equipment-needed-fight>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6697	Referred To The House Committee On Small Business 2020 05 05	In House

Title

To amend the Small Business Act to expand the Paycheck Protection Program for certain organizations, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Chris Pappas

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:06 PM
The Paycheck Protection Program Improved Coordination Act of 2020 expands the benefits available to American small businesses and workers by improving the coordination between the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC). This legislation streamlines and better coordinates these federal small business support programs by allowing wages not forgiven under the PPP to be claimed for the ERTC.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:07 PM

Press Release: <https://pappas.house.gov/media/press-releases/pappas-hagedorn-murphy-introduce-bipartisan-legislation-expanding-aid-american>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3604	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Small Business And Entrepreneurship 2020 05 05	In Senate

Title

A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to report on COVID-19 recovery small business programs, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Ben Cardin

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:07 PM
The Transparency and Oversight of COVID-19 Small Business Recover Assistance Act would require the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide Congress and the public with timely, detailed data on the agency's COVID-19 small business relief programs, including the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Emergency Grants Program, and the Debt Relief Program.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:07 PM

Press Release: <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-shaheen-schumer-move-to-pass-legislation-to-increase-transparency-and-accountability-of-covid-19-small-business-relief-efforts>

COVID I Healthcare /First Responders/Testing (14)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 5997	Introduced In House 2020 02 27	In House

Title

Emergency Response Coordinator Act of 2020

Description

Emergency Response Coordinator Act of 2020 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to designate an official within the department to coordinate federal efforts with respect to COVID-19 (a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus).

Primary Sponsors

Eliot Engel

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:04 PM
The bill would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to designate an official within the Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate the efforts of Federal departments and agencies with respect to COVID-19.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-27

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6649	Introduced In House 2020 05 01	In House

Title

Lower Drug Costs for Seniors During COVID-19 Act of 2020

Description

Lower Drug Costs for Seniors During COVID-19 Act of 2020 This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to establish a process for prescription drug plans under Medicare and Medicare Advantage to allow enrollees to make coinsurance payments in periodic installments, if the enrollee chooses to obtain the entire prescribed supply of a covered drug in a single fill. Current law allows an enrollee, during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), to obtain the entire prescribed supply of a covered drug in a single fill or refill, up to a 90-day supply.

Primary Sponsors

Jan Schakowsky

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://schakowsky.house.gov/media/press-releases/schakowsky-chu-introduce-bill-help-medicare-beneficiaries-afford-prescription>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:05 PM
The Lower Drug Costs for Seniors During COVID-19 Act would allow Medicare Part D beneficiaries electing to receive 90-day prescription refills to spread their co-pays over the same 90-day period. This flexibility will be critical to help beneficiaries afford a three-month prescription and lower their out-of-pocket costs during the COVID-19 crisis, improving their lives and livelihood.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6654	Introduced In House 2020 05 01	In House

Title

Emergency COVID Telehealth Response Act

Description

Emergency COVID Telehealth Response Act This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to allow, when exercising its waiver authority, the following providers to furnish telehealth services under Medicare during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019): physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, speech-language pathologists, clinical social workers, and audiologists. (Currently, the CMS is authorized to waive requirements for Medicare telehealth services during the public health emergency, and it has done so to allow all providers that are otherwise eligible to furnish in-person services under Medicare to also furnish telehealth services.)

Primary Sponsors

Cindy Axne

Introduction Date: 2020-05-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6662	Referred To The Subcommittee On Economic Development Public Buildings And Emergency Management 2020 05 04	In House

Title
PRICE Act

Primary Sponsors
Anthony Brown

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:50 PM
The Pandemic Response and Interstate Cost Equity (PRICE) Act would create a federal price-controlling program on critical COVID-19 equipment to ensure lower prices and guarantee supplies are directed to where they are needed most.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-01

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://anthonybrown.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=899>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6666	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 05 01	In House

Title
COVID-19 Testing, Reaching, And Contacting Everyone (TRACE) Act

Primary Sponsors
Bobby Rush

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:52 PM
The COVID-19 Testing, Reaching and Contacting Everyone (TRACE) Act would establish a grant program run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to fully mobilize coronavirus testing and contact tracing efforts. Grantees would include Community Health Centers, School Based Health Centers, academic medical centers, non-profits, and other entities who would hire and train individuals to operate mobile testing units, as well as outreach in hot spots and medically underserved areas.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-01

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://rush.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rush-introduces-bipartisan-legislation-to-fund-100-billion-coronavirus>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6670	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 05 01	In House

Title

To provide for an exploration of strategies to increase domestic manufacturing and diversify the supply chain of critical drugs, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Anna Eshoo

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:54 PM
The Prescription for American Drug Independence Act would require the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to convene a committee of experts to analyze the impact of U.S. dependence on the manufacturing of lifesaving drugs and make recommendations to Congress within 90 days to ensure the U.S. has a diverse drug supply chain to adequately protect our country from natural or hostile occurrences.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-01

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://eshoo.house.gov/media/press-releases/eps-eshoo-and-brooks-introduce-bipartisan-legislation-create-national-strategy>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6698	Referred To The Committee On Ways And Means And In Addition To The Committee On Energy And Commerce For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 05	In House

Title

To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the quality of care in skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare program and nursing facilities under the Medicare program during the COVID-19 emergency period, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Jan Schakowsky

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://schakowsky.house.gov/media/press-releases/schakowsky-booker-blumenthal-task-force-aging-and-families-introduce-bicameral>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6699	Referred To The Committee On Education And Labor And In Addition To The Committees On Financial Services And Ways And Means For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 05	In House

Title

To establish a commission to determine essential employment during the COVID-19 crisis period and provide loan repayment and education credit to workers employed in such essential employment during such crisis, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Annie Kuster

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The Opportunities for Heroes Act would provide \$25,000 in either student loan debt relief or education benefits to essential workers and their family members. The bill recognizes the contributions made by a diverse set of workers, including firefighters and first responders, health care providers, grocery store employees, transportation workers, and more, to help Americans through the COVID-19 health emergency.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

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<https://kuster.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/kuster-fitzpatrick-introduce-bipartisan-legislation-to-provide-student>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6701	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 05 05	In House

Title

To require a longitudinal study on the impact of COVID-19.

Primary Sponsors

Anna Eshoo

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:58 PM

The Ensuring Understanding of COVID-19 to Protect Public Health Act would direct the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct a longitudinal study on mild, moderate, and severe cases of COVID-19 to ensure a full understanding of both the short and long-term health impacts of the novel coronavirus.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://eshoo.house.gov/media/press-releases/eshoo-burgess-degette-guthrie-introduce-bipartisan-bicameral-legislation-study>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6709	Introduced In House 2020 05 05	In House

Title

To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a coronavirus fund to provide hazard payments to high-risk health care workers and essential workers, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Matt Cartwright

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:46 PM
The Coronavirus Frontline Workers Fair Pay Act would provide hazard pay to health care professionals and other essential workers. The bill would establish a dedicated fund within the U.S. Treasury Department to provide the hazard pay money to employers. High-risk health care workers would receive a hazard pay increase of \$18.50 per hour, and other essential workers would receive an increase of \$13 per hour. Pay would be capped at \$35,000 and \$25,000, respectively. It would be retroactive to January 27, 2020 and would be available through the end of this year.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://cartwright.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-cartwright-unveils-hazard-pay-proposal-for-essential-workers-on>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6719	Introduced In House 2020 05 05	In House

Title

To require the Federal Government to provide critical health care resources in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Primary Sponsors

Ro Khanna

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:41 PM
The Emergency Medical Supplies Procurement Act provides an additional \$75 billion for the Trump administration to purchase or manufacture personal protective equipment (such as surgical masks, N-95 respirator masks, surgical gowns, and face visors); ventilators; testing reagents and compounds; approved vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, pharmaceuticals; and any other medical supplies or hospital infrastructure that are necessary. The bill would also require the Trump administration to respond to state requests for urgent and critical health care supplies as quickly and aggressively as possible using special authorities such as the DPA, National Emergencies Act, and Stafford Act.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://khanna.house.gov/media/press-releases/sanders-khanna-unveil-emergency-legislation-vastly-increase-medical-equipment>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3564	Introduced In Senate 2020 03 22	In Senate

Title
Ensuring Treatment for COVID Act

Description
Ensuring Treatment for COVID Act This bill requires state Medicaid programs to cover treatment for COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). State Medicaid programs must also cover COVID-19 testing and treatment for uninsured individuals. (Currently, state Medicaid programs are required to cover COVID-19 testing for enrollees and have the option to cover testing for uninsured individuals.) Coverage must be provided with no cost-sharing. Additionally, state Medicaid programs may not impose cost-sharing for COVID-19 vaccines.

Primary Sponsors
Bob Casey

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:04 PM
The bill would amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide medical assistance for COVID-19 treatment services for individuals who are diagnosed with COVID-19..

Introduction Date: 2020-03-22

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3595	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2020 05 04	In Senate

Title
A bill to require a longitudinal study on the impact of COVID-19.

Primary Sponsors
Jacky Rosen

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:50 PM
The Ensuring Understanding of COVID-19 to Protect Public Health Act would direct the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct a longitudinal study on mild, moderate, and severe cases of COVID-19 to ensure a full understanding of both the short and long-term health impacts of the novel coronavirus.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-04

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.rosen.senate.gov/rosen-rubio-introduce-bipartisan-bicameral-legislation-study-full-health-impacts-covid-19>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3607	Introduced In Senate 2020 05 05	In Senate

Title
A bill to extend public safety officer death benefits to public safety officers whose death is caused by COVID-19, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors
Chuck Grassley

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:49 PM
The Safeguarding America's First Responders (SAFR) Act would clarify the certification requirements for survivor benefits under the Public Safety Officers Benefits Program to account for the unique challenges presented by the pandemic.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/bipartisan-senate-bill-helps-families-first-responders-lost-covid-access-public-0>

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State US	Bill Number HR 266	Last Action Became Public Law No 116 139 2020 04 24	Status Enacted
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Title Introduction Date: 2019-01-08

Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act

Description

Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act
This bill responds to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak by providing additional funding for small business loans, health care providers, and COVID-19 testing. DIVISION A--SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS (Sec. 101) This division provides additional lending authority for certain Small Business Administration (SBA) programs in response to COVID-19. Specifically, the division increases the authority for (1) the Paycheck Protection Program, under which the SBA may guarantee certain loans to small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic; and (2) advances on emergency economic injury disaster loans made in response to COVID-19. The division also expands eligibility for such disaster loans and advances to include agricultural enterprises. Additionally, the division requires the SBA to guarantee no less than a specified amount of paycheck protection loans made by certain insured depository institutions, community financial institutions, and credit unions. (Sec. 102) The amounts provided under this division are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO) and the Senate PAYGO rule. DIVISION B--ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE Additional Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Response This division provides FY2020 supplemental appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the SBA in response to COVID-19. The supplemental appropriations are designated as emergency spending, which is exempt from discretionary spending limits. TITLE I--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES This title provides \$100 billion in FY2020 supplemental appropriations to HHS for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, including \$75 billion to reimburse health care providers for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to the coronavirus outbreak; and \$25 billion for expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID-19 tests to effectively monitor and suppress COVID-19. The title allocates specified portions of the \$25 billion for COVID-19 testing to states, localities, territories, and tribes; the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention; the National Institutes of Health; the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority; the Food and Drug Administration; community health centers; rural health clinics; and testing for the uninsured. The title also establishes several reporting requirements for HHS, including requirements to submit to Congress details regarding COVID-19 cases and a strategic testing plan (Sec. 101) This section specifies that certain authorities, conditions, and requirements in... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors

Betty McCollum

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
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US	HR 748	Position Statements For The Record The Chair Announced That All Members May Have Five Legislative Days In Which To Include Their Stated Position On The Voice Vote On The Motion To Concur In The Senate Amendment To H R 748 And Those Statements Will Appear In The Appropriate Point In The Record Agreed To Without Objection 2020 03 31	Enacted
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Title
CARES Act

Introduction Date: 2019-01-24

Description

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the CARES Act
This bill responds to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak and its impact on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. DIVISION A--KEEPING WORKERS PAID AND EMPLOYED, HEALTH CARE SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS, AND ECONOMIC STABILIZATION This division establishes the Paycheck Protection Program to provide eight weeks of cash flow assistance to small businesses through federally guaranteed loans to employers who maintain their payroll. Such assistance shall be to cover costs such as payroll, paid sick leave, supply chain disruptions, and employee salaries. The division further provides that certain amounts owed on such loans are eligible to be forgiven. The division also authorizes the Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide advances on SBA emergency disaster loans for small businesses that have applied for such loans due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the division requires the SBA to pay all principal, interest, and fees on certain new and existing SBA loans for a period of six months. TITLE I--KEEPING AMERICAN WORKERS PAID AND EMPLOYED ACT This title provides emergency economic relief for small businesses to meet their payroll and expenses and to receive education and assistance throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. (Sec. 1102) This section authorizes the Small Business Administration (SBA) to guarantee paycheck protection loans during the period beginning on February 15, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2020. During this period, in addition to a small business, any business, nonprofit organization, veterans organization, or tribal business is eligible to receive a paycheck protection loan if it employs fewer than 500 employees or the applicable SBA size standard for the relevant industry. In addition, individuals who operate as a sole proprietor or as an independent contractor, as well as certain self-employed individuals, are eligible to receive a paycheck protection loan. Allowable uses for such loans include (1) payroll costs, (2) continuation of group health care benefits, (3) employee salaries, and (4) rent payments. (Sec. 1103) This section authorizes the SBA to award grants to resource partners to provide specified education, training, and advising to small business concerns that are negatively impacted as a result of COVID-19. (Sec. 1104) This section requires the SBA to reimburse any recipient of a grant under the State Trade Expansion Program for financial losses relating to a foreign trade mission or a trade show exhibition that was cancelled solely due to a public health emergency related to COVID-19. Such reimbursement may not exceed the recipient's grant funding. (Sec. 1105) This section temporarily waives th... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors
Joe Courtney

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6074	Became Public Law No 116 123 2020 03 06	Enacted

Title **Introduction Date:** 2020-03-04
Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020

Description

Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 This bill provides \$8.3 billion in emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to the coronavirus outbreak. DIVISION A--CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020 Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 This division provides FY2020 supplemental appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the State Department, and the Small Business Administration to respond to the coronavirus outbreak. The division funds programs that address issues such as developing, manufacturing, and procuring vaccines and other medical supplies; grants for state, local, and tribal public health agencies and organizations; loans for affected small businesses; evacuations and emergency preparedness activities at U.S. embassies and other State Department facilities; and humanitarian assistance and support for health systems in the affected countries. The supplemental appropriations are designated as emergency spending, which is exempt from discretionary spending limits. TITLE I--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES This title provides appropriations to the Food and Drug Administration for Salaries and Expenses. TITLE II--SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION This title provides appropriations to the Small Business Administration for the Disaster Loans Program Account. TITLE III--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES This title provides appropriations to HHS for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund. (Sec. 301) This section sets forth authorities and requirements for using funds provided by this title to reimburse HHS agencies, states, localities, territories, tribes, tribal organizations, and health service providers to tribes for costs incurred for coronavirus preparedness and response activities prior to the enactment of this bill. (Sec. 302) If public notice is given and HHS determines that a public health threat exists, HHS may use funds provided by this title to hire candidates for positions to perform critical work relating to the coronavirus, without regard to certain hiring procedures that apply under current law. (Sec. 303) Funds provided by this title may be used to enter into contracts with individuals for personal services to support the prevention of, preparation for, or response to the coronavirus, subject to congressional notification requirements. (Sec. 304) This section sets forth authorities and restrictions that apply to transferring funds provided by this title. (Sec. 305) This section requires HHS to submit to Congress a detailed spending plan for funds ... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors

Nita Lowey

Title
Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Introduction Date: 2020-03-11

Description

Families First Coronavirus Response Act This bill responds to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak by providing paid sick leave, tax credits, and free COVID-19 testing; expanding food assistance and unemployment benefits; and increasing Medicaid funding. DIVISION A--SECOND CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020 Second Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 This division provides FY2020 supplemental appropriations for federal agencies to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. The supplemental appropriations are designated as emergency spending, which is exempt from discretionary spending limits. TITLE I--DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE This title provides appropriations to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); and the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). (Sec. 1101) This section allows USDA to approve state plans to provide emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) benefits to households with children who would otherwise receive free or reduced-price school meals if their schools were not closed due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The child's school must be closed for at least five consecutive days for the household to be eligible for benefits. States may provide the benefits using the Electronic Benefit Transfer system. (Sec. 1102) This section provides appropriations to USDA for grants to the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa for nutrition assistance in response to a COVID-19 public health emergency. TITLE II--DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE This title provides appropriations to the Defense Health Program for COVID-19 diagnostic testing and services. TITLE III--DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY This title provides appropriations to the Internal Revenue Service to implement the tax credits included in this bill. TITLE IV--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES This title provides appropriations to the Indian Health Service for COVID-19 diagnostic testing and services. TITLE V--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES This title provides appropriations to the Administration for Community Living for nutrition programs that assist the elderly. The title also provides appropriations to the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund. The funds are provided for the National Disaster Medical System to reimburse the costs of providing COVID-19 diagnostic testing and services to individuals without health insurance. TITLE VI--DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS This title provides appropriations to the Veterans Health Administration for COVID-19 diagnostic testing and services. TITLE VII--GENERAL PROVISIONS--THIS... (click bill link to see more).

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