



COVID-19 Local Government Relief Legislative Update

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The following legislative tracker provides an update on COVID-19 local government relief-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

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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

Description

Emergency Relief for State, Territorial and Local Governments Act of 2020 This bill requires the Federal Reserve Board to purchase municipal bonds issued in response to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency and otherwise modifies the terms under which the board may generally purchase municipal bonds.

Primary Sponsors

Rashida Tlaib

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://tlaib.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-s-tlaib-introduce-covid-19-bill-help-local-state>

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.

Introduction Date: 2020-03-23

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.

Description

This bill temporarily allows financial regulators to waive cost-sharing and program requirements for certain state, territory, and local government grants. Financial regulators may permit these funds to be reprogrammed for purposes related to unemployment, childcare, or healthcare.

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 Kristi More at Jul 6, 2020, 9:43 PM
#kingsriver On 4/14/20, the Kings River Conservation District sent a letter to House and Senate leadership supporting a change in the law to provide public employers access to the tax relief available to offset the added expense of meeting new emergency paid leave requirements. The letter supports provisions of this bill.

Last edited by Kristi More at Jul 6, 2020, 9:46 PM
#TFG 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 6672	Introduced In House 2020 05 01	In House

Title

To amend the CARES Act to increase the authority for commitments and appropriations for paycheck protection program, and for other purposes.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-01**Description**

This bill temporarily provides increased authority for appropriations to fund certain Small Business Administration commitments for loans, including loans made under the Paycheck Protection Program implemented in response to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). The authority provided by this bill ends 90 days after the date on which the COVID-19 emergency is no longer in effect.

Primary Sponsors

Al Green

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

Title

FEED Act

Description

FEMA Empowering Essential Deliveries Act or the FEED Act This bill authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 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. Specifically, during the period following the President's emergency declaration of March 13, 2020, and under any subsequent major disaster declaration that supersedes it, FEMA may approve plans from state, local, and Indian tribal governments that (1) establish contracts with small and mid-sized restaurants and nonprofits, including faith-based organizations and soup kitchens, to prepare healthy meals for people in need; and (2) provide for partnerships with nonprofit organizations to purchase directly from food producers and farmers. FEMA shall waive federal matching requirements under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act during such period.

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**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>

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

Title
Coronavirus State and Local Financial Assistance Act

Description
Coronavirus State and Local Financial Assistance Act This bill (1) directs the Department of the Treasury to establish a State and Local Government Coronavirus Relief Program under which Treasury shall make monthly grants to states to make up for revenue lost from March 1-December 31, 2020, due to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) and social distancing steps taken by the state and its political subdivisions, and (2) appropriates \$500 billion to carry out the program. To be eligible to receive a grant, a state must (1) compile estimates for the revenue lost by the state and each political subdivision, and (2) submit an estimate to Treasury by the 20th of each month. Treasury shall make grant payments to a state within 15 days of receiving a loss estimate. The bill sets forth requirements with respect to pro rata distribution of funds, treatment of overpayments, and distribution to political subdivisions of a state.

Primary Sponsors
Cindy Axne

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>

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

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6724	Introduced In House 2020 05 05	In House

Title
Public Health Emergency Shelter Act of 2020

Description
Public Health Emergency Shelter Act of 2020 This bill authorizes additional grants under the Emergency Solutions Grants program to assist individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness and to otherwise address needs arising from the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency.

Primary Sponsors
Ayanna Pressley

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6725	Referred To The House Committee On Agriculture 2020 05 05	In House

Title

Farmers Feeding Families Coronavirus Response Act

Description

Farmers Feeding Families Coronavirus Response Act This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to use specified federal funding to purchase specialty crops, dairy, meat, and poultry products from specific agricultural producers relying on markets affected by COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) to provide to food assistance programs, including the Emergency Food Assistance Program. USDA must also provide additional funding to the states for the purpose of procuring food products to support food assistance programs within each state. USDA and the states must use at least 10% of the funding to purchase crops and products that would otherwise have been sold through direct-to-consumer, direct-to-institution, direct-to-retail, or direct-to-restaurant marketing channels.

Primary Sponsors

Kim Schrier

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://schrier.house.gov/media/press-releases/schrier-mcmorris-rodgers-introduce-farmers-feeding-families-act-connect-farms>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 14, 2020, 2:49 PM

The Farmers Feeding Families Coronavirus Response Act would use federal funding for targeted purchases to buy food from producers who rely on local agricultural markets—such as farmers' markets, farm-to-table restaurants and farm-to-school programs. It would also provide funding for state agencies and their food-bank partners to directly and immediately replenish their food stocks to meet increased demand.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

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

Direct Support for Communities Act

Description

Direct Support for Communities Act This bill provides FY2020 supplemental appropriations to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to award additional Community Development Block Grants to units of local government and counties to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (i.e., the virus that causes COVID-19). Specifically, within 30 days, HUD must distribute 50% of such funds to metropolitan cities and other units of local government and 50% to counties and parishes. Such funds may be used to cover costs or replace lost, delayed, or decreased revenues stemming from the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency. In addition, the funds are designated as an emergency requirement, which exempts the funds from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules.

Primary Sponsors

Antonio Delgado

Organizational Notes

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

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

State
US

Bill Number
HR 6800

Last Action
Committee On Small Business And
Entrepreneurship Hearings Held 2020 07 23

Status
In Senate

Title

The Heroes Act

Description

Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act or the HEROES 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. Among other things, the bill provides FY2020 emergency supplemental appropriations to federal agencies; provides payments and other assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments; provides additional direct payments of up to \$1,200 per individual; expands paid sick days, family and medical leave, unemployment compensation, nutrition and food assistance programs, housing assistance, and payments to farmers; modifies and expands the Paycheck Protection Program, which provides loans and grants to small businesses and nonprofit organizations; establishes a fund to award grants for employers to provide pandemic premium pay for essential workers; expands several tax credits and deductions; provides funding and establishes requirements for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing; eliminates cost-sharing for COVID-19 treatments; extends and expands the moratorium on certain evictions and foreclosures; and requires employers to develop and implement infectious disease exposure control plans. The bill also modifies or expands a wide range of other programs and policies, including those regarding Medicare and Medicaid, health insurance, broadband service, medical product supplies, immigration, student loans and financial aid, the federal workforce, prisons, veterans benefits, consumer protection requirements, the U.S. Postal Service, federal elections, aviation and railroad workers, and pension and retirement plans.

Primary Sponsors

Nita Lowey

Organizational Notes

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#RWA The bill includes relief related to the coronavirus pandemic and: • Provides \$1.5 billion for water/wastewater ratepayer assistance • Provides \$900 billion to state and local governmental revenue losses • Expands small business assistance • Increases support of Federal Reserve Municipal Facility • Provides essential worker bonuses and retention credits • Mandates application of Buy American Mandates to manufactured products (expanded from iron and steel only)

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 14, 2020, 2:57 PM

Press Release: <https://lowey.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/lowey-introduces-heroes-act-deliver-more-estimated-100-billion-historic>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 14, 2020, 3:01 PM
The bill would help state and local governments recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, bolster coronavirus testing and tracing, and support frontline workers and health care providers.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-12

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6801	Introduced In House 2020 05 12	In House

Title
FEED the Children Act

Primary Sponsors
Alma Adams

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 14, 2020, 3:28 PM
The Funding Emergency Eating Distribution for the Children (FEED the Children) Act would provide emergency reimbursements for the operational costs of school food authorities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-12

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 14, 2020, 3:27 PM
Press Release: <https://adams.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/adams-bill-addresses-school-nutrition-and-student-hunger-during-covid-19>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6862	Introduced In House 2020 05 14	In House

Title
Social Services Pandemic Disaster Relief Act

Primary Sponsors
Judy Chu

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 21, 2020, 1:20 PM
The Social Services Pandemic Disaster Relief Act would provide \$10 billion for essential emergency assistance to vulnerable children, families, and individuals, including those who may not be receiving other assistance during the pandemic. The funding would be distributed using the Social Services Block Grant and states would be required to pass through at least 50% of funds to counties, cities, tribes, and community-based organizations with experience vulnerable communities.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-14

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 21, 2020, 1:20 PM
Press Release: <https://chu.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/house-democrats-propose-10-billion-vulnerable-families>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7017	Introduced In House 2020 05 26	In House

Title
Right to Test Act

Primary Sponsors
Patrick McHenry

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 28, 2020, 3:41 PM
The Right to Test Act would allow individual states to approve and distribute diagnostic tests when the state or federal government has declared a public health emergency. It would empower states to reduce testing delays and more rapidly respond to the evolving health needs of their communities as they work to curb the spread of COVID-19 or other future health threats.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-26

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://mchenry.house.gov/newsroom/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=402606>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7065	Referred To The House Committee On Oversight And Reform 2020 06 01	In House

Title

To require States to certify a process for distributing Coronavirus Relief Funds to local governments.

Description

This bill requires states to certify a process for distributing Coronavirus Relief Funds to local governments. Specifically, each state that received such funds shall provide the Department of the Treasury, by June 12, 2020, with a certification that the state has in effect a procedure to distribute the funds to units of local government, including a detailed description of such procedure. If a state fails to comply with this requirement, 25% of such payment shall be booked as a debt owed to the federal government.

Primary Sponsors

Kevin Brady

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 4, 2020, 3:44 PM

Press Release: <https://gop-waysandmeans.house.gov/brady-intros-bill-demanding-states-allow-small-cities-and-rural-governments-to-receive-covid-19-relief-funds/>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 4, 2020, 3:45 PM

The Stop hoarding federal Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) would require states that received funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to certify to the Treasury Department by June 12, 2020, that they have a process in place for redistributing a portion of those funds to local governments within their jurisdiction.

Introduction Date: 2020-06-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7090	Referred To The Subcommittee On National Parks Forests And Public Lands 2020 06 30	In House

Title

Coronavirus County Relief and Stability Act

Description

Coronavirus County Relief and Stability Act This bill appropriates \$36 billion for a Coronavirus County Relief Fund to make payments to counties to compensate for revenue lost and costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency. Specifically, a county shall use the funds to compensate for direct loss of revenue due to the public health emergency or to cover its costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency, were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of February 29, 2020, and were incurred from March 1, 2020-December 30, 2020. Each county shall receive a flat payment plus an amount based on its population. The bill provides funding for the Office of Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury to conduct monitoring and oversight of the receipt, disbursement, and use of such funds. The bill reauthorizes the payments in lieu of taxes program, which compensates local governments for tax revenue lost due to tax-exempt federal lands within their boundaries.

Primary Sponsors

Paul Cook

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 8, 2020, 3:25 PM

Press Release: <https://cook.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-cook-introduces-legislation-to-provide-covid-19-relief-for-smaller>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 8, 2020, 3:26 PM

The Coronavirus County Relief and Stability Act would ensure that every county, regardless of size, receives funds to support critical services that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including public health departments, first responders, and agencies that care for our seniors. Specifically, every county would receive \$1 million with additional funds distributed based on population.

Introduction Date: 2020-06-04

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7301	Received In The Senate 2020 06 30	In Senate

Title

Emergency Housing Protections and Relief Act of 2020

Primary Sponsors

Maxine Waters

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 29, 2020, 3:42 PM

Press Release: <https://financialservices.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=406538>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 29, 2020, 3:43 PM

The Emergency Rental Assistance and Rental Market Stabilization Act would authorize \$100 billion for an Emergency Rental Assistance program to help families and individuals pay their rent and utility bills and remain stably housed during and after the COVID-19 crisis.

Introduction Date: 2020-06-24

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7303	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 06 24	In House

Title
Open Back Better Act of 2020

Primary Sponsors
Lisa Blunt Rochester

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 25, 2020, 3:05 PM
This bill would provide stimulus funding for energy efficiency and resiliency retrofit projects in schools, medical facilities, government buildings, education institutions, libraries, and more.

Introduction Date: 2020-06-24

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 25, 2020, 3:23 PM
Press Release: <https://bluntrochester.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=2481>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7498	Referred To The House Committee On Financial Services 2020 07 06	In House

Title
Uplifting Our Local Communities Act

Primary Sponsors
Rashida Tlaib

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 9, 2020, 3:15 PM
The Uplifting Our Local Communities Act would expand access to CARES Act funding to state and local governments. The bill would make critically needed changes to a Federal Reserve-administered emergency lending program intended to provide vital assistance to financially struggling state and local governments and their residents through the COVID-19 pandemic by requiring the Fed to adjust the restrictive Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF). The bill would include such changes as: bringing the population threshold for eligible issuers down to 50,000 residents; requiring the inclusion of territories as eligible issuers of debt; and bringing interest rates down on bonds purchased by the MLF, avoiding the "penalty rate" states and cities have to pay under current terms.

Introduction Date: 2020-07-06

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 9, 2020, 3:12 PM
Press Release: <https://tlaib.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-tlaib-neguse-introduce-bill-expanding-local-government-municipality-access>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7717	Referred To The House Committee On Financial Services 2020 07 21	In House

Title
Uplifting Our Local Communities Act

Primary Sponsors
Rashida Tlaib

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 23, 2020, 3:09 PM
the Uplifting Our Local Communities Act would expand access to CARES Act funding to state and local governments. The bill would make critically needed changes to a Federal Reserve-administered emergency lending program intended to provide vital assistance to financially struggling state and local governments and their residents through the COVID-19 pandemic by requiring the Fed to adjust the restrictive Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF).

Introduction Date: 2020-07-21

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 23, 2020, 3:08 PM
Press Release: <https://tlaib.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-tlaib-neguse-introduce-bill-expanding-local-government-municipality-access>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7746	Introduced In House 2020 07 23	In House

Title
HELP Act

Primary Sponsors
French Hill

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 27, 2020, 3:08 PM
The Helping Educators with Learning Preparation (HELP) Act would assist elementary, middle, and high school students safely and successfully transition to socially distanced and in-classroom instruction by creating a grant program to provide state and local school entities with the resources that they need going into the fall.

Introduction Date: 2020-07-23

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 27, 2020, 3:08 PM
Press Release: <https://hill.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=7557>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7758	Referred To The Subcommittee On Commodity Exchanges Energy And Credit 2020 09 03	In House

Title
Assistance for Rural Health, Safety and Educational Facilities Act

Primary Sponsors
Austin Scott

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 27, 2020, 3:18 PM
The Assistance for Rural Health, Safety, and Educational Facilities Act would provide the Secretary of Agriculture with \$4 billion to assist rural facilities offering essential health, education, and public safety services. Specifically, the bill would provide grants to for-profit and not-for profit health facilities, public education facilities, and public safety facilities in communities under 20,000 people.

Introduction Date: 2020-07-23

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 27, 2020, 3:18 PM
Press Release: <https://austinscott.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-austin-scott-introduces-legislation-provide-emergency-assistance>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7823	Referred To The House Committee On Agriculture 2020 07 29	In House

Title
To provide for emergency grants for essential community facilities and temporary installations needed in response to COVID-19 pandemic in rural areas.

Primary Sponsors
Mike Bost

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 30, 2020, 2:29 PM
The Emergency Rural Community Relief Act would allow rural communities with fewer than 20,000 residents to utilize USDA Community Facility Program grants in times of emergency to operate community essential facilities, including the construction of temporary drive thru COVID-19 testing sites and personal protective equipment disposal locations.

Introduction Date: 2020-07-29

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 30, 2020, 2:30 PM
Press Release: <https://bost.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/bost-bill-provides-covid-19-relief-rural-communities>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7985	Introduced In House 2020 08 07	In House

Title
Emergency Assistance for Rural Water Systems Act

Primary Sponsors
David Rouzer

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Aug 10, 2020, 2:26 PM
The Emergency Assistance for Rural Water Systems Act would allow USDA Rural Development to provide affordable and sustainable financial options for rural utilities impacted by COVID-19. Assistance would include grants, zero percent loans, one percent loans, principal and interest reduction, loan modifications and direct operational assistance to provide financial stability for the impacted utility to get through this crisis.

Introduction Date: 2020-08-07

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 8056	Introduced In House 2020 08 14	In House

Title
Remote Worker Relief Act of 2020

Primary Sponsors
Mary Scanlon

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Sep 8, 2020, 3:17 PM
The Remote Worker Relief Act maintains the status quo for state income taxes and income earned by remote workers living in a tax jurisdiction different from their place of work for the 2020 tax year. The bill will prevent remote workers from bearing the onerous burden of determining which states they may owe taxes to.”

Introduction Date: 2020-08-14

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Sep 8, 2020, 3:16 PM
Press Release: <https://scanlon.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=193>

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

Title
Government Bailout Prevention Act

Primary Sponsors
Todd Young

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.

Introduction Date: 2019-07-15

Organizational Notes

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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
Coronavirus Relief Fund Flexibility for State and Local Government Act

Description
Coronavirus Relief Fund Flexibility for State and Local Government Act This bill gives states, Native American tribes, and municipalities more flexibility in the use of funds provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Specifically, the bill permits states, tribes, and municipalities to use such funds for operating expenses not related to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Such funds shall remain available until expended.

Primary Sponsors
John Kennedy

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.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.kennedy.senate.gov/public/press-releases?ID=D3EA63C9-85BE-4D36-8EA0-352461DAA89B>

State
US

Bill Number
S 3614

Last Action
Introduced In Senate 2020 05 05

Status
In Senate

Title
FEED Act

Description

FEMA Empowering Essential Deliveries Act or the FEED Act This bill authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 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. Specifically, during the period following the President's emergency declaration of March 13, 2020, and under any subsequent major disaster declaration that supersedes it, FEMA may approve plans from state, local, and Indian tribal governments that (1) establish contracts with small and mid-sized restaurants and nonprofits, including faith-based organizations and soup kitchens, to prepare healthy meals for people in need; and (2) provide for partnerships with nonprofit organizations to purchase directly from food producers and farmers. FEMA shall waive federal matching requirements under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act during such period.

Primary Sponsors

Kamala Harris

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>

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.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

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 the population. Local governments shall use the funds provided to cover only those costs that (1) such governments reasonably deem to be 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. If a unit of local government determines it will not expend all the funds paid by the end of that period, it may transfer the unexpended portion to another unit of local government in the state with a population of 500,000 or less, subject to specified requirements. 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

Martin Heinrich

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>

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

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

Title

Direct Support for Communities Act

Description

Direct Support for Communities Act This bill provides FY2020 supplemental appropriations to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to award additional Community Development Block Grants to units of local government and counties to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (i.e., the virus that causes COVID-19). Specifically, within 30 days, HUD must distribute 50% of such funds to metropolitan cities and other units of local government and 50% to counties and parishes. Such funds may be used to cover costs or replace lost, delayed, or decreased revenues stemming from the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency. In addition, the funds are designated as an emergency requirement, which exempts the funds from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules.

Primary Sponsors

Kirsten Gillibrand

Organizational Notes

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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>

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

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

Title

Coronavirus Relief Fund Flexibility Act

Description

Coronavirus Relief Fund Flexibility Act This bill allows Coronavirus Relief Fund payments to be used to replace state, tribal, or local government revenue shortfalls resulting from COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) during the period from March 1-December 31, 2020.

Primary Sponsors

Dan Sullivan

Organizational Notes

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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>

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

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

Title
Supporting State and Local Leaders Act

Description
Supporting State and Local Leaders Act This bill repeals the prohibition against granting state and local governments a tax credit for paid sick and 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

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:23 PM
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
State & Local Emergency Stabilization Fund Act of 2020

Description
State & Local Emergency Stabilization Fund Act of 2020 This bill appropriates \$600 billion in additional funding for states, territories, tribal governments, and local communities due to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency and allows additional uses for Coronavirus Relief Fund payments. The bill allows payments under this bill or from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to be used for expenditures from January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022, regardless of a connection to the COVID-19 emergency. Payments may not be used to provide a tax cut, rebate, or other tax benefit or to reduce or eliminate a fee. The funds provided by this bill are allocated between (1) the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa; (2) tribal governments; (3) states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico; and (4) local communities. Payment amounts for states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are based on population and the coronavirus infection rate. The bill sets a minimum payment amount.

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>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3682	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Appropriations 2020 05 11	In Senate

Title

A bill to provide States, Tribal governments, and local governments with spending discretion for part of their Coronavirus Relief Fund payment.

Description

This bill provides states, tribal governments, and local governments with added spending discretion for part of their Coronavirus Relief Fund payment. Currently, payments from the fund may only be used to cover certain costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency. The bill allows each state, tribal government, and unit of local government to use up to 25% of the amount paid to it for any purpose, including for expenditures to satisfy a nonfederal share requirement for any aid, assistance, grant, or other financial relief provided by the federal government.

Primary Sponsors

Mike Rounds

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.rounds.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/rounds-introduces-legislation-to-provide-state-flexibility-in-using-cares-act-funds>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 14, 2020, 3:08 PM

The bill would improve flexibility for state, local and tribal governments in using existing COVID-19 relief funds. The legislation permits up to 25 percent of funds already allocated to local governments through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to cover lost tax revenue. State, local and tribal tax revenues fund vital services such as education, local law enforcement, fire departments, road construction and Medicaid services.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-11

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3742	Committee On Small Business And Entrepreneurship Hearings Held 2020 07 23	In Senate

Title

RELIEF for Main Street Act

Description

Recharge and Empower Local Innovation and Entrepreneurs Fund for Main Street Act or the RELIEF for Main Street Act This bill establishes for one year the Small Business Local Relief Program, which shall allocate resources to states, local governments, and Native American tribes for providing assistance to certain small businesses and nonprofits that have lost revenue due to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Specifically, the bill provides \$50.5 billion for such assistance, of which (1) \$35 billion shall be distributed based on the Community Development Block Grant formula (70% allocated to larger cities and counties and 30% to rural communities), (2) \$15 billion shall be allocated to provide financing exclusively to businesses in rural areas, and (3) \$500 million shall be for Native American Tribes. These amounts shall be used to start or scale a local small business emergency fund or to support organizations that provide technical assistance to small businesses or nonprofits. Such local funds or organizations may then use the amounts to assist small businesses (including sole proprietorships, independent contractors, and self-employed individuals) and nonprofits that (1) employ no more than 20 full-time employees (50 if the recipient is located in a low-income community), (2) has experienced a loss of revenue because of COVID-19, and (3) satisfies any additional requirements imposed by the administrator of the fund. A state, local government, or Native American tribe that receives funds under the bill must report specified demographic and disbursement information.

Primary Sponsors

Cory Booker

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.booker.senate.gov/news/press/100-mayors-across-country-endorse-booker-daines-murray-bipartisan-bicameral-small-business-relief-plan>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at May 28, 2020, 3:26 PM
The Small Business Local Relief Program would provide \$50 billion to seed and scale local relief efforts emerging in cities and towns across the country, targeted toward businesses with fewer than 20 workers or businesses with fewer than 50 workers located in low-income neighborhoods. The bill would provide immediate support to those less likely to benefit from existing programs, including very small, minority-owned, and rural businesses.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-14

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3767	Introduced In Senate 2020 05 19	In Senate

Title

Strengthening Local Coronavirus Response Act

Description

Strengthening Local Coronavirus Response Act This bill requires states to pay 45% of the amounts received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to local governments that did not receive a direct payment from the fund.

Primary Sponsors

Steve Daines

Introduction Date: 2020-05-19

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3954	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Finance 2020 06 11	In Senate

Title

Local Government Relief Act

Description

Local Government Relief Act This bill requires states to pay by June 30, 2020, at least 45% of the amounts received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to local governments that did not receive a direct payment from the fund. Such sums shall be distributed by a state upon receipt and on a pass-through basis without requiring any application from a unit of local government. If a state is unable to make distributions to units of local government in accordance with these requirements, the state shall submit a detailed report explaining why it is unable to meet such requirements.

Primary Sponsors

Joe Manchin

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.manchin.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/manchin-bill-requires-governor-to-give-covid-19-pandemic-funding-to-local-governments>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 15, 2020, 2:39 PM
The Local Government Relief Act would require all states to provide 45% of the funds they received through the Coronavirus Relief Fund to local governments under 500,000 by June 30th. If states are not able to do so, they would be required to provide a detailed report on why, which would be published in the Federal Register.

Introduction Date: 2020-06-11

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4060	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Energy And Natural Resources 2020 06 24	In Senate

Title

Open Back Better Act of 2020

Primary Sponsors

Tina Smith

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 25, 2020, 3:25 PM

Press Release: <https://www.smith.senate.gov/us-senator-tina-smith-us-representative-lisa-blunt-rochester-introduce-plan-make-public-facility>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 25, 2020, 3:25 PM
The Open Back Better Act would provide stimulus funding for energy efficiency and resiliency retrofit projects in schools, medical facilities, government buildings, education institutions, libraries, and more.

Introduction Date: 2020-06-24

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4063	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions Text Cr S 3209 2020 06 24	In Senate

Title

Impact Aid Coronavirus Relief Act

Description

Impact Aid Coronavirus Relief Act This bill allows local educational agencies (LEAs) participating in the Impact Aid Program to use the student count and federal property valuation data from their FY2021 program applications for their FY2022 program applications. The program provides funding to LEAs that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal property or to those that have experienced increased expenditures due to enrollment of federally connected children (e.g., children living on Indian lands or military bases).

Primary Sponsors

John Thune

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.thune.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=EB49DB01-7681-4DCD-AF8C-FEAEC6C8A484>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 25, 2020, 3:28 PM

The Impact Aid Coronavirus Relief Act would allow school districts participating in the Impact Aid Program to use their student headcount from the 2020-2021 school year, which have already been calculated, on their Impact Aid applications for the 2021-2022 school year. School districts will begin to complete their Impact Aid applications for the 2021-2022 school year this fall, and this bill would ensure that schools do not need to recalculate federally connected students during the uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction Date: 2020-06-24

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4081	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2020 06 25	In Senate

Title
Reopen Schools Safely Act

Description
Reopen Schools Safely Act This bill requires the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to states and, through them, subgrants to local educational agencies and institutions of higher education to comply with the guidelines, recommendations, and other public health communications issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local governments to mitigate the hazards of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) in schools. Subgrants must be used for certain activities, such as implementing exposure control plans, hiring personnel and purchasing equipment for health screenings, providing students and staff with personal protective equipment, and purchasing sanitation supplies. Unexpended funds must be returned to ED. Additionally, unused supplies and materials that were purchased with grants may not be resold.

Primary Sponsors
Debbie Stabenow

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.stabenow.senate.gov/news/stabenow-introduces-new-bipartisan-bill-to-help-michigan-school-districts-and-colleges-safely-reopen-this-fall>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 29, 2020, 3:51 PM
The Reopen Schools Safely Act would establish a major federal grant program at the U.S. Department of Education to help school districts and colleges reopen for the 2020-2021 school year. School districts and colleges would have flexibility to use these funds for any expense needed to meet Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, state, and local guidelines for mitigating the spread of COVID-19. These expenses include personal protective equipment, sanitation supplies, temperature-screening equipment, certified COVID-19 tests, and more.

Introduction Date: 2020-06-25

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4310	Introduced In Senate 2020 07 23	In Senate

Title
Don't Punish Schools for Uncontrolled Pandemics Act of 2020

Description
Don't Punish Schools for Uncontrolled Pandemics Act of 2020 This bill prohibits the Department of Education from requiring a local school program to conduct in-person instruction during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Warner

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 27, 2020, 3:24 PM
Press Release: <https://www.warner.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=9A63AF69-D294-4AE2-A2FA-BB5830E190B7>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 27, 2020, 3:23 PM
The bill would prohibit any regulation, guidance, or policy regarding an applicable to require a local program to conduct in-person instruction during an emergency, as declared by a Federal, State, or local authority, with respect to COVID-19.

Introduction Date: 2020-07-23

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4340	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Finance 2020 07 28	In Senate

Title
SACRED Act

Primary Sponsors
Ted Cruz

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 30, 2020, 2:51 PM
The Safeguarding Americans from Coronavirus and Religious Exercise Discrimination (SACRED) Act would block federal funding for COVID relief to state and local governments that discriminate against religious individuals or institutions, violating their First Amendment rights. Specifically, the bill would render state or local governments ineligible to use or receive federal COVID-19 relief funds should they be found by the Attorney General to have discriminated against religious individuals or institutions.

Introduction Date: 2020-07-28

Organizational Notes

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Press Release: https://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=5268

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4362	Introduced In Senate 2020 07 29	In Senate

Title
Emergency Water and Energy is a Human Right Act

Description
Emergency Water and Energy is a Human Right Act This bill creates a grant program, administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, to provide funds to states and Indian tribes to assist low-income households that pay a high proportion of household income for drinking water and wastewater services. Specifically, states and Indian tribes must provide payments to owners and operators of public water systems and wastewater treatment works to reduce rates charged to low-income households. Owners and operators must also conduct outreach activities to ensure that households are aware of the available rate reduction assistance. Further, any entity receiving financial assistance under this grant program must ensure that no home energy service, public water system service, or wastewater treatment works is or remains disconnected or interrupted during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency because of nonpayment.

Primary Sponsors
Jeff Merkley

Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 30, 2020, 2:47 PM
Press Release: <https://www.merkley.senate.gov/news/press-releases/merkley-tlaib-continue-to-lead-charge-to-protect-consumers-from-dangerous-utility-shut-offs-2020>

Bill Summary: Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 30, 2020, 2:46 PM
The Emergency Water and Energy is a Human Right Act would protect Americans' access to electricity, running water, and other critical utilities during the crisis by barring any utilities that receive federal support in the next round of relief funding from shutting off power or water to consumers. Additionally, the bill would require providers to reconnect households that have been disconnected during the pandemic and allocate \$1.5 billion in grants to assist low-income households paying a high proportion of household income for drinking water and wastewater service.

Introduction Date: 2020-07-29

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