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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires grants from federal COVID-19 relief programs be disbursed proportionally based on population.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning grants from federal COVID-19 relief programs.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. a. To the extent consistent with federal law and regulations
7 of the federal agencies involved, all federal funding for coronavirus
8 disease 2019 (COVID-19) relief, aid, or stimulus provided to the
9 State to disburse to local governments in the form of a grant
10 program, and not already dispersed, committed, or incurred as of
11 the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
12 Legislature as this bill), shall be disbursed proportionally according
13 to population with no minimum population required to receive
14 federal funding.

15 b. Prior to enactment of this section, the Department of the
16 Treasury, in consultation with the Department of Community
17 Affairs, the Department of Health, and the New Jersey Economic
18 Development Authority, shall promulgate regulations pursuant to
19 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
20 1 et seq.), defining the new criteria for the grant programs, based on
21 need, for local governments to apply. The Department of the
22 Treasury shall post the regulations on the department's Internet
23 website.

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25 2. This act shall take effect 90 days after enactment and shall
26 expire upon the disbursement of all federal COVID-19 grant monies
27 for local governments.

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STATEMENT

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32 To the extent consistent with federal law and regulations of the
33 federal agencies involved, all federal funding for COVID-19 relief,
34 aid, or stimulus provided to the State to disburse to local
35 governments in the form of a grant program, and not already
36 dispersed, committed, or incurred as of the effective date of the bill,
37 would be disbursed proportionally according to population with no
38 minimum population required to receive federal funding.

39 Prior to enactment of the bill, the Department of the Treasury, in
40 consultation with the Department of Community Affairs, the
41 Department of Health, and the New Jersey Economic Development
42 Authority, would be required to promulgate regulations, and post
43 the regulations on its Internet website, defining the new criteria for
44 the grant programs, based on need, for local governments to apply.

45 The bill would take effect 90 days after enactment and shall
46 expire upon the disbursement of all federal COVID-19 grant monies
47 for local governments.