

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To require States to pass-through 45 percent of the amounts paid from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to local governments that did not receive a direct payment from the Fund.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DAINES introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Local
5 Coronavirus Response Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PASS-THROUGH OF PORTION OF STATE**
2 **CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND TO LOCAL GOV-**
3 **ERNMENTS.**

4 (a) **PASS-THROUGH REQUIREMENT.**—Subsection (b)
5 of section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added by sec-
6 tion 5001(a) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
7 Security Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Subject to
9 paragraph (2)” and inserting “Subject to para-
10 graphs (2) and (3)”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following

12 “(3) **PASS-THROUGH REQUIREMENT.**—Each
13 State shall distribute 45 percent of the amount paid
14 to the State under this section for fiscal year 2020
15 (after the application of paragraph (2)) upon receipt
16 on a pass-through basis, and without requiring any
17 application, to each unit of local government in the
18 State that is not a large unit of local government
19 that received a direct payment under this section in
20 accordance with paragraph (2). The preceding dis-
21 tribution requirement shall not apply to the District
22 of Columbia.”.

23 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Section 601 of
24 such Act is further amended—

25 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraphs (1) and (2), by inserting
2 “large” before “unit of local government” each
3 place it appears; and

4 (B) in paragraph (2)—

5 (i) in the paragraph heading, by in-
6 serting “LARGE” before “UNITS”; and

7 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing: “For purposes of this section, the
9 term ‘large unit of local government’
10 means a unit of local government, as de-
11 fined in subsection (g)(2), with a popu-
12 lation that exceeds 500,000.”;

13 (2) in subsection (c)(5)—

14 (A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting
15 “LARGE” before “UNIT”; and

16 (B) by inserting “large” before “unit of
17 local government” each place it appears;

18 (3) in subsection (e)—

19 (A) by inserting “direct” before “pay-
20 ment”; and

21 (B) by inserting “large” before “unit of
22 local government” each place it appears; and

23 (4) in subsection (g)(2)—

24 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
25 “LOCAL” and inserting “UNIT OF LOCAL”; and

1 (B) by striking “with a population that ex-
2 ceeds 500,000.”

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
5 ment of section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added
6 by section 5001(a) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
7 Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).