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# S. 3767

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19, 2020

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

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## 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 CORONAVI-**  
 2 **RUS RELIEF FUND TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.**

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

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

10 (2) by adding at the end the following

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

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

24 (1) in subsection (b)—

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

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the paragraph heading, by inserting “LARGE” before “UNITS”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following: “For purposes of this section, the term ‘large unit of local government’ means a unit of local government, as defined in subsection (g)(2), with a population that exceeds 500,000.”;

(2) in subsection (c)(5)—

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

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

(3) in subsection (e)—

(A) by inserting “direct” before “payment”; and

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

(4) in subsection (g)(2)—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking “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).

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