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# H. R. 7094

To amend title VI of the Social Security Act to expand the permissible use of funds under the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2020

Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio (for himself, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. ROUZER, and Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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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 “Flexibility for States  
5 and Localities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF PERMISSIBLE USE OF FUNDS**  
2 **UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601(d) of the Social Secu-  
4 rity Act, as added by section 5001(a) of the CARES Act  
5 (Public Law 116–136), is amended to read as follows:

6 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State, Tribal government,  
7 and unit of local government shall use the funds provided  
8 under a payment made under this section—

9 “(1) to cover those costs of the State, Tribal  
10 government, or unit of local government (or of any  
11 other unit of local government with a population not  
12 greater than 500,000 within such State, Tribal gov-  
13 ernment, or unit of local government) that—

14 “(A) are necessary expenditures incurred  
15 due to the public health emergency with respect  
16 to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19);

17 “(B) were not accounted for in the budget  
18 most recently approved as of the date of enact-  
19 ment of this section for the State or govern-  
20 ment; and

21 “(C) were incurred during the period that  
22 begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on Decem-  
23 ber 30, 2020; or

24 “(2) to offset budgetary shortfalls of the State  
25 or government that occurred due to such public  
26 health emergency and that were not accounted for in

1       such budget (except that such funds may not be  
2       used to make contributions to any underfunded pen-  
3       sion plan in excess of the contributions accounted  
4       for in such budget).”.

5       (b) APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS.—Amounts appro-  
6       priated for fiscal year 2020 under section 601(a)(1) of the  
7       Social Security Act (as modified by subsection (a)) shall  
8       be subject to the requirements contained in Public Law  
9       116–94 for funds for programs authorized under sections  
10      330 through 340 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
11      U.S.C. 254 through 256).

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