

SENATE BILL 647

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: ~~Senator King~~ Senators King, Elfreth, Griffith, Guzzone, Rosapepe, Waldstreicher, Young, and Zucker

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding – Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Budget and Management to provide a
4 certain ~~report~~ reports on federal COVID-19 relief funding; requiring the ~~report~~
5 reports to be submitted on or before ~~a certain date~~ certain dates; providing for the
6 contents of the ~~report~~ reports; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency
7 measure; and generally relating to federal COVID-19 relief funding received by the
8 State.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

12 (2) “COVID-19” means, interchangeably and collectively, the coronavirus
13 known as COVID-19 or 2019-nCoV and the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

14 (3) “Federal COVID-19 relief funding” means federal funding provided
15 under ~~the~~:

16 (i) the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act;
17 ~~and~~

18 (ii) the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (iii) any federal legislation enacted, other than items (i) and (ii) of
2 this paragraph, that provides funding for COVID–19–related response or relief.

3 (b) On or before March 15, 2021, and quarterly through June 30, 2022, the
4 Department of Budget and Management shall provide a report to the Senate Budget and
5 Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with §
6 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on:

7 (1) all federal COVID–19 relief funding received by the State or a political
8 subdivision of the State;

9 (2) any federal COVID–19 relief funding received by the State or a political
10 subdivision of the State for which the State or political subdivision was authorized to
11 exercise any discretion in how the funding is spent; and

12 (3) any additional COVID–19–related funding needs to which the Governor
13 will prioritize any federal funding received by the State under federal legislation passed
14 after the preparation of ~~the~~ a report required under this subsection.

15 (c) The ~~report~~ reports required under paragraph (b) of this subsection shall
16 include:

17 (1) the total amount of federal COVID–19 relief funding distributed to:

18 (i) the State; and

19 (ii) each political subdivision of the State;

20 (2) detailed information on the federal COVID–19 relief funding:

21 (i) allocated to a State program;

22 (ii) allocated to a program administered by a political subdivision of
23 the State;

24 (iii) provided to the State but not allocated to a State program; and

25 (iv) provided to a political subdivision of the State but not allocated
26 to a program administered by a political subdivision of the State;

27 (3) the total amount of federal COVID–19 relief funding for which the State
28 may exercise any discretion as to how the funds are allocated for use;

29 (4) the criteria used to allocate the funding identified under paragraph (3)
30 of this subsection;

1 (5) the programs and purposes for which funding identified under
2 paragraph (3) of this subsection was allocated; and

3 (6) the total amount of federal COVID–19 relief funding available to the
4 State or a political subdivision of the State that has not been provided by the federal
5 government and the reasons why the funding has not been provided.

6 (d) The ~~report~~ reports required under subsection (b) of this section shall:

7 (1) identify any unmet funding needs of the State in responding to the
8 COVID–19 pandemic; and

9 (2) establish a plan to allocate additional federal funding received by the
10 State.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
12 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
13 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to
14 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
15 enacted.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.