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To provide for an enhanced Coronavirus relief fund, and for other purposes.

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Mr. PERLMUTTER (for himself, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BEYER, Mr. KILMER, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. DEAN, Mr. RYAN, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. CROW, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. CASE, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mrs. HAYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

A BILL
To provide for an enhanced Coronavirus relief fund, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Coronavirus Relief for States Act”.

SEC. 2. ENHANCED CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title VI of the Social Security Act (as added by section 5001 of Public Law 116–136) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 602. ENHANCED CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND.

“(a) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated for making payments to States and Tribal governments, $500,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.

“(b) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall pay each State and Tribal government the amount determined for the State or Tribal government, for fiscal year 2020 under subsection (c).

“(c) PAYMENT AMOUNTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount paid under this section for fiscal year 2020 to a State or Tribal government shall be the amount equal to the relative population proportion amount determined for the State or Tribal government under paragraph (2) for such fiscal year.

“(2) RELATIVE POPULATION PROPORTION DEFINED.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘relative population proportion’ means, with respect to a State or Indian Tribe, the quotient of—
“(A) the population of the State or Indian Tribe; and

“(B) the total population of all States.

“(3) DATA.—For purposes of this subsection, the population of the States and Indian Tribes shall be determined based on the most recent year for which data are available from the Bureau of the Census based on the American Community Survey.

“(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State or Tribal government shall use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover those costs of the State or Tribal government, that—

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

“(2) replace revenue lost as a result of the COVID-19 crisis; or

“(3) contribute to the economic recovery of the State or Indian Tribe from the COVID-19 crisis.

“(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’ has the meaning given that term in section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304(e)).
“(2) Secretary.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Treasury.

“(3) State.—The term ‘State’ means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

“(4) Tribal Government.—The term ‘Tribal government’ means the recognized governing body of an Indian Tribe.”.

(b) Application of Provisions.—Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2020 under section 602 of the Social Security Act (as added by subsection (a)) shall be subject to the requirements contained in Public Law 116–94 for funds for programs authorized under sections 330 through 340 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254 through 256).