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To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide Federal aid and economic stimulus through a one-time revenue grant to the States and their local governments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

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 “State and Local Aid
5 and Economic Stimulus Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ONE-TIME REVENUE GRANT TO STATES AND LOCAL**
2 **GOVERNMENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 67 of title 31, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§6721. One-time revenue grant to States and local**
7 **governments**

8 “(a) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated to
9 carry out this section \$40,000,000,000 for fiscal year
10 2003.

11 “(b) ALLOTMENTS.—From the amount appropriated
12 under subsection (a) for fiscal year 2003, the Secretary
13 of the Treasury shall, as soon as practicable after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, allot to each of the States
15 as follows:

16 “(1) \$20 BILLION BASED ON POPULATION.—

17 “(A) STATE LEVEL.—\$10,000,000,000
18 shall be allotted among such States on the basis
19 of the relative population of each such State, as
20 determined by the Secretary on the basis of the
21 most recent satisfactory data.

22 “(B) LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL.—
23 \$10,000,000,000 shall be allotted among such
24 States as determined under subparagraph (A)
25 for distribution to the various units of general
26 local government within such States on the

1 basis of the relative population of each such
2 unit within each such State, as determined by
3 the Secretary on the basis of the most recent
4 satisfactory data.

5 “(2) \$20 BILLION BASED ON CHANGE IN UNEM-
6 PLOYMENT RATE.—

7 “(A) TIER 1.—

8 “(i) STATE LEVEL.—\$2,500,000,000
9 shall be allotted among such States which
10 have experienced a tier 1 unemployment
11 rate on the basis of the relative number of
12 unemployed individuals for calendar year
13 2002 in each such State, as determined by
14 the Secretary on the basis of the most re-
15 cent satisfactory data.

16 “(ii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL.—
17 \$2,500,000,000 shall be allotted among
18 such States which have experienced a tier
19 1 unemployment rate as determined under
20 clause (i) for distribution to the various
21 units of general local government within
22 such States on the basis of the relative
23 number of unemployed individuals for cal-
24 endar year 2002 in each such unit within
25 each such State, as determined by the Sec-

1 retary on the basis of the most recent sat-
2 isfactory data.

3 “(B) TIER 2.—

4 “(i) STATE LEVEL.—\$7,500,000,000
5 shall be allotted among such States which
6 have experienced a tier 2 unemployment
7 rate on the basis of the relative number of
8 unemployed individuals for calendar year
9 2002 in each such State, as determined by
10 the Secretary on the basis of the most re-
11 cent satisfactory data.

12 “(ii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL.—
13 \$7,500,000,000 shall be allotted among
14 such States which have experienced a tier
15 2 unemployment rate as determined under
16 clause (i) for distribution to the various
17 units of general local government within
18 such States on the basis of the relative
19 number of unemployed individuals for cal-
20 endar year 2002 in each such unit within
21 each such State, as determined by the Sec-
22 retary on the basis of the most recent sat-
23 isfactory data.

24 “(c) GUIDELINES FOR USE OF FUNDS.—It is the
25 sense of Congress that priority for using the funds allotted

1 under this section should be given to homeland security,
2 medicaid, public health, highway construction, childcare,
3 elementary, secondary, and higher education, and the pre-
4 vention of additional property tax increases.

5 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

6 “(1) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means any of
7 the several States, the District of Columbia, and the
8 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

9 “(2) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERN-
10 MENT.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘unit of gen-
12 eral local government’ means—

13 “(i) a county, parish, township, city,
14 or political subdivision of a county, parish,
15 township, or city, that is a unit of general
16 local government as determined by the Sec-
17 retary of Commerce for general statistical
18 purposes; and

19 “(ii) the District of Columbia, the
20 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the
21 recognized governing body of an Indian
22 tribe or Alaskan native village that carries
23 out substantial governmental duties and
24 powers.

1 “(B) TREATMENT OF SUBSUMED AREAS.—

2 For purposes of determining a unit of general
3 local government under this section, the rules
4 under section 6720(c) of this title shall apply.

5 “(3) UNEMPLOYMENT.—With respect to any
6 State or unit of general local government—

7 “(A) TIER 1 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.—The
8 term ‘tier 1 unemployment rate’ means an un-
9 employment rate for calendar year 2002 which
10 was at least .4 but not more than 1.0 percent-
11 age point greater than such rate for calendar
12 year 2000.

13 “(B) TIER 2 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.—The
14 term ‘tier 2 unemployment rate’ means an un-
15 employment rate for calendar year 2002 which
16 was more than 1.0 percentage point greater
17 than such rate for calendar year 2000.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
19 tions for chapter 67 of title 31, United States Code, is
20 amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“6721. One-time revenue grant to States and local governments.”.

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