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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MANCHIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Local Government Re-  
5 lief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEADLINE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE LOCAL GOV-**  
2 **ERNMENT SHARE OF THE STATE**  
3 **CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PAYMENT.**

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

9 “(3) PASS-THROUGH REQUIREMENT.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June  
11 30, 2020, each State (other than the District of  
12 Columbia) shall make, from the amount paid to  
13 the State under this section, a distribution to  
14 each unit of local government in the State that  
15 is not a large unit of local government that re-  
16 ceived a direct payment under this section in  
17 accordance with paragraph (2).

18 “(B) AMOUNT TO BE DISTRIBUTED.—The  
19 total amount of the distributions made by a  
20 State to units of local government under this  
21 paragraph shall not be less than 45 percent of  
22 the amount paid to the State under this section  
23 for fiscal year 2020 (after the application of  
24 paragraph (2)).

25 “(C) MANNER OF DISTRIBUTION.—  
26 Amounts distributed by a State under this

1 paragraph shall be distributed from the amount  
2 paid to the State under this section—

3 “(i) upon receipt and on a pass-  
4 through-basis; and

5 “(ii) without requiring any application  
6 from a unit of local government.

7 “(D) REPORT.—If a State is unable to  
8 make distributions to units of local government  
9 in accordance with the requirements of this  
10 paragraph, the State shall submit a detailed re-  
11 port to the Secretary explaining why the State  
12 is unable to meet such requirements. The Sec-  
13 retary shall publish each such report in the  
14 Federal Register.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 601 of  
16 such Act is further amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b)—

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

21 (B) in paragraph (2)—

22 (i) in the paragraph heading, by in-  
23 serting “LARGE” before “UNITS”; and

24 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
25 lowing: “For purposes of this section, the

1 term ‘large unit of local government’  
2 means a unit of local government, as de-  
3 fined in subsection (g)(2), with a popu-  
4 lation that exceeds 500,000.’;

5 (2) in subsection (c)(5)—

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

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

10 (3) in subsection (d), by inserting “or distribu-  
11 tion” after “payment”;

12 (4) in subsection (e)—

13 (A) by inserting “direct” before “pay-  
14 ment”; and

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

17 (5) in subsection (g)(2)—

18 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking  
19 “LOCAL” and inserting “UNIT OF LOCAL”; and

20 (B) by striking “with a population that ex-  
21 ceeds 500,000.”

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
23 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
24 ment of section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added

1 by section 5001(a) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
2 Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).