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A BILL

To provide for the distribution of some federal 1
coronavirus relief funding to local subdivisions 2
and to declare an emergency. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) For the purpose of this section: 4

(1) "Eligible subdivision" means a county, municipal 5
corporation, or township that did not receive a direct payment 6
under section 5001 of the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic 7
Security Act," as described in 42 U.S.C. 801(b) (2). 8

(2) "Population" means the most recent population estimate 9
published by the Development Services Agency and based on the 10
American Community Survey, as published by the United States 11
Census Bureau. The population of a township shall equal the 12
population of the township's unincorporated area. 13

(3) A municipal corporation is "primarily located" within 14
the county in which the majority of its population resides or, 15
if the majority of a municipal corporation's population does not 16
reside in one county, the county in which the plurality of its 17
population resides. 18

(B) As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this section, the Director of Budget and Management shall provide for payment from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to each county treasury, to be deposited in the county coronavirus relief distribution fund created pursuant to Section 27 of H.B. 481 of the 133rd General Assembly. The amount of the payment to each county coronavirus relief distribution fund shall equal the amount appropriated under Section 2 of this act multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the sum of the populations of (1) all municipal corporations that are eligible subdivisions and are primarily located within the county, (2) all townships that are eligible subdivisions and are located within the county, and (3) the county if the county is an eligible subdivision, and the denominator of which is the sum of the populations of all eligible subdivisions in this state.

(C) Within seven days of deposit in the county coronavirus relief distribution fund of the payment described in division (B) of this section, the county auditor shall distribute the money to the county, unless the county is not an eligible subdivision, and to each eligible subdivision located or, in the case of a municipal corporation, primarily located within the county, in an amount equal to the amount of money in the fund multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the population of the eligible subdivision and the denominator of which is the sum of the populations of (1) all municipal corporations that are eligible subdivisions and are primarily located within the county, (2) all townships that are eligible subdivisions and are located within the county, and (3) the county if the county is an eligible subdivision.

Upon making the distribution, the county auditor shall report to the Director of Budget and Management the amount

distributed to each eligible subdivision. The report shall be 50
made in the manner prescribed by the Director. 51

(D) Money received under division (C) of this section by 52
an eligible subdivision shall be deposited into the 53
subdivision's local coronavirus relief fund created by the 54
subdivision's fiscal officer pursuant to Section 27 of H.B. 481 55
of the 133rd General Assembly. Money in that fund shall be used 56
to cover only costs of the subdivision consistent with the 57
requirements of section 5001 of the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, 58
and Economic Security Act," as described in 42 U.S.C. 801(d). 59
Money in an eligible subdivision's local coronavirus relief fund 60
shall be audited by the Auditor of State during the 61
subdivision's next regular audit under section 117.11 of the 62
Revised Code to determine whether money in the fund has been 63
expended in accordance with the requirements of this section. 64

(E) Divisions (F) and (G) of Section 27 of H.B. 481 of the 65
133rd General Assembly, concerning the return and redistribution 66
of the unencumbered balance of money in a subdivision's local 67
coronavirus relief fund and, ultimately, the return of 68
unexpended funds to the state treasury apply to distributions 69
made under this section. 70

(F) A county, municipal corporation, or township receiving 71
a payment under this section shall, upon request, provide any 72
information related to those payments or their expenditure to 73
the Director of Budget and Management. 74

Section 2. All appropriation items in this section are 75
appropriated out of money in the state treasury to the credit of 76
the Coronavirus Relief Fund (Fund 5CV1). For all appropriations 77
made in this section, the amounts in the first column are for 78
fiscal year 2020 and the amounts in the second column are for 79

fiscal year 2021. The appropriations made in this section are in 80
 addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2020-FY 81
 2021 biennium. 82

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A	OBM OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT				
B	Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
C	5CV1	042623	Coronavirus Relief - \$	0	\$ 650,000,000
			Local Govt		
			Distribution		
D	TOTAL	DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund	\$	0	\$ 650,000,000
		Group			
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	0	\$ 650,000,000

Amounts appropriated in line item 042623, Coronavirus 84
 Relief - Local Govt Distribution, are to be distributed and used 85
 as specified in Section 1 of this act. 86

Within the limits set forth in this act, the Director of 87
 Budget and Management shall establish accounts indicating the 88
 source and amount of funds for each appropriation made in this 89
 act, and shall determine the form and manner in which 90
 appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 91
 appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as 92
 though made in H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly. 93

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 94

provisions of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly that are 95
generally applicable to such appropriations. 96

Section 3. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 97
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 98
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 99
address the financial impact to governments of the COVID-19 100
pandemic. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 101