

# SENATE BILL 647

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator King**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2021

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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 on federal COVID–19 relief funding; requiring the report to be  
5 submitted on or before a certain date; providing for the contents of the report;  
6 defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally  
7 relating to federal COVID–19 relief funding received by the State.

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

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

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

13 (3) “Federal COVID–19 relief funding” means federal funding provided  
14 under the:

15 (i) federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act; and

16 (ii) federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

17 (b) On or before March 15, 2021, the Department of Budget and Management  
18 shall provide a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House  
19 Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article,  
20 on:

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

7       (c) The report required under paragraph (b) of this subsection shall include:

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

9               (i) the State; and

10              (ii) each political subdivision of the State;

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

12               (i) allocated to a State program;

13               (ii) allocated to a program administered by a political subdivision of  
14 the State;

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

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

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

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

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

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

27       (d) The report required under subsection (b) of this section shall:

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

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

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