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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE; EXPANDING THE ALLOWABLE USE OF INCOME FROM CHARGES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL SERVICES BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER; PROVIDING THAT BALANCES FROM THOSE CHARGES ARE NOT USED TO OFFSET THE CHARGES FOR INVESTMENT POOL AND RELATED SERVICES BUT, RATHER, BE USED FOR THE OFFICE'S OPERATIONS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 6-10-10.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1988, Chapter 61, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-10-10.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL CREATED--DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS -- REPORT OF INVESTMENTS. --

There is created in the state treasury the "local government investment pool". The fund shall consist of all deposits from participating governments, including revenues

dedicated to repaying bonds, that are placed in the custody of the state treasurer for investment purposes pursuant to this section. The state treasurer shall maintain one or more separate accounts for each participating government having deposits in the local government investment pool and may divide the fund into two or more subfunds, as the state treasurer deems appropriate, for short-term and medium-term investment purposes, including one or more subfunds for bond proceeds deposited by participating governments.

- B. If an eligible governing body is unable to receive payment on public money at the rate of interest as set forth in Section 6-10-36 NMSA 1978 from financial institutions within the geographic boundaries of the eligible governing body, or if the eligible governing body is not bound by the terms of Section 6-10-36 NMSA 1978, the finance officer having control of the money of that eligible governing body not required for current expenditure may, with the consent of the board of finance of the eligible governing body if consent is required by the laws or rules of the eligible governing body, remit some or all of the money to the state treasurer for deposit for the purpose of investment as allowed by this section.
- C. Before funds are invested or reinvested pursuant to this section, a finance officer shall notify and make the funds available for investment to banks, savings and loan

associations and credit unions located within the geographical boundaries of the participating government or the eligible governing body, subject to the limitation on credit union accounts. To be eligible for deposit of the government funds, the financial institution shall pay to the participating government or eligible governing body the rate established by the state treasurer pursuant to a policy adopted by the state board of finance for the investments.

- D. A finance officer shall specify the length of time a deposit shall be in the local government investment pool. The state treasurer through the use of the state fiscal agent shall separately track each deposit and shall make information regarding the deposit available to the public upon written request.
- E. The state treasurer shall invest the local government investment pool as provided in Section 6-10-10 NMSA 1978 regarding the investment of state funds in investments with a maturity at the time of purchase that does not exceed three years. The state treasurer may elect to have the local government investment pool consolidated for investment purposes with the state funds under the control of the state treasurer; provided that accurate and detailed accounting records are maintained for the account of each participating government and that a proportionate amount of interest earned is credited to each of the separate accounts of a participating government.

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The fund shall be invested to achieve its objective, which is to realize the maximum return consistent with safe and prudent management.

- F. At the end of each month, all net investment income or losses from investment of the local government investment pool shall be distributed by the state treasurer to the accounts of participating governments in amounts directly proportionate to the respective amounts deposited by them in the local government investment pool and the length of time the amounts in each account were invested.
- G. The state treasurer shall charge participating governments reasonable audit, administrative and investment expenses and shall deduct those expenses directly from the net investment income for the investment and administrative services provided pursuant to this subsection. The amount of the charges, the manner of the use by the state treasurer and the nature of bond-related services to be offered shall be established in rules adopted and promulgated by the state treasurer subject to approval by the state board of finance.
- H. [Subject to appropriation by the legislature]

 Amounts deducted from the accounts of participating governments for charges permitted pursuant to this section shall be [expended] deposited in the state treasurer's operating account and are appropriated for expenditure by the state treasurer [in fiscal year 2008 and in subsequent fiscal years] for the

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administration and management of the local government investment pool, services provided to participating governments related to investment of their money in that fund, [and] other services authorized by this section and operations of the office of the state treasurer. Balances remaining at the end of a fiscal year from the amounts deducted pursuant to this section shall [revert] transfer to the general fund. [Balances in the state treasurer's operating account resulting from deductions taken pursuant to this section in excess of the amount required to provide administration, management and related services required by this subsection or other services authorized by this section shall be offset by reductions in the charges made by the state treasurer to the accounts of participating governments in subsequent deductions from participating governments' accounts.]

- I. Each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall cause to have the short-term investment portion of the local government investment pool rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. If the rating received by the short-term investment portion of the fund is lower than "AA", the state treasurer shall immediately submit a plan to the state board of finance detailing the steps that will be taken to obtain an "AA" or higher rating.
- J. The state treasurer may offer to provide to participating governments services related to requirements of .211294.1SA

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the federal income tax laws applicable to the investment of bond proceeds.

K. A tribe or quasi-governmental body created pursuant to New Mexico statute may become a participating government only if the governing authority of the tribe or quasi-governmental body has adopted a resolution authorizing the tribe or quasi-governmental body to remit money to the state treasurer for investment in the local government investment pool.

L. Deposits by the state treasurer on behalf of the general fund and bond proceeds investment pools shall, in aggregate, be no more than thirty-five percent of the total amount in the local government investment pool at any time."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2020.

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