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To amend title VI of the Social Security Act to modify the restrictions on use of Coronavirus Relief Fund amounts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALMER (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. PENCE, Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. LUTKEMEYER, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. NORMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Coronavirus Relief
5 Fund Flexibility Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND AMOUNTS.**

2 (a) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 601(d) of the Social
3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801(d)) is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State, Tribal govern-
7 ment, or unit of local government may not use any
8 funds provided under a payment made under this
9 section for lobbying expenses, pensions, raises or bo-
10 nuses for government officials, or budget shortfalls
11 that existed prior to the public health emergency
12 with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019
13 (COVID–19).

14 “(2) RESTRICTION ON FUNDS.—In the case of
15 funds provided under a payment made under this
16 section to a State that is 1 of the 50 States, none
17 of the funds may be obligated except by approval of
18 the legislature of such State.

19 “(3) FUNDS HELD IN TRUST.—Of any funds
20 provided under a payment made under this section
21 to a State, Tribal government, or unit of local gov-
22 ernment that remain unobligated as of the date of
23 the enactment of this subsection, not less than 25
24 percent shall be held in trust until June 30, 2021.”.

1 **SEC. 3. FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR TRANSPORTATION**
2 **PROJECTS.**

3 (a) **PROVISION OF MATCHING FEDERAL FUNDS.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**If a State uses any amount
5 of funds provided under a payment made under sec-
6 tion 601 of the Social Security Act or any non-Fed-
7 eral funds to carry out activities during the period
8 beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and
9 ending 1 year after such date that are related to a
10 project receiving Federal financial assistance
11 through the Department of Transportation or a
12 project authorized by the Corps of Engineers and
13 carried out by a non-Federal interest, the Secretary
14 of Transportation or the Secretary of the Army, as
15 applicable, shall provide to such State an amount
16 equal to 50 percent of the funds spent on such ac-
17 tivities.

18 (2) **FUNDING.—**To carry out this subsection,
19 there is authorized to be appropriated, and there is
20 appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not
21 otherwise appropriated, \$25,000,000,000, to remain
22 available until expended.

23 (b) **FUNDS ELIGIBLE FOR NON-FEDERAL SHARE OF**
24 **CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.—**Funds provided
25 under a payment made under section 601 of the Social
26 Security Act may be used for up to 100 percent of the

1 non-Federal share of any project authorized by the Corps
2 of Engineers and carried out by a non-Federal interest
3 or any project receiving financial assistance under title 23,
4 United States Code, if such funds are used to carry out
5 activities during the period beginning on the date of enact-
6 ment of this Act and ending on the date that is 1 year
7 after such date of enactment.

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