

SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY OF S.349 AS PASSED THE SENATE
Reimbursement of Local Government COVID-19 Expenses – 06/11/20

Section 1

Subsection (a)

- \$16M total appropriated in FY20 from federal CARES Act funding to Agency of Administration
- Purposes (including but not limited to)
 - hazard pay, supplies and equipment, sanitation, facility alterations, overtime compensation, redirection of staff for first response needs
- Limits placed on eligible expenses
 - Expenses cannot already be covered by other funding sources (e.g., courthouse expenses already covered under Judiciary funding; or FEMA relief)
 - Expenses must meet the federal CARES Act requirements

Subsection (b)

- Sec. of Administration or designee must develop grant guidelines re:
 - determining eligibility of expenses; and
 - requirements for reimbursement for units of local government

Subsection (c)

3 types of allocations to be made by Secretary or designee

- (1) \$14.85M allocated to cities and towns, as well as any incorporated villages, fire districts, consolidated water districts, consolidated sewer districts within those cities and towns
 - Up to \$25 of expenses/person
 - If more than \$25 of expenses/person and \$25,000 in total expenses, minimum payment will be \$25,000.
- (2) \$1M allocated to counties, unorganized towns or gores, any of the unified towns and gores of Essex County
 - Secretary or designee can determine how to limit grants awarded under this subdivision
- (3) Technical assistance. \$150K allocated to contracting with 1 or more regional planning commissions for technical assistance to local government.
 - Purpose: discerning which expenses are eligible for funding and documenting them appropriately.

Proration of grants allowed if requests exceed amounts allocated

Subsection (d)

- On or before Sept. 15, 2020, Secretary must report to Legislature on program development and grants awarded, and recommend any legislative changes needed.

Section 2

Effective Date

- Act is effective on passage