



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6555

LCO No. 4377



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:
(APP)

**AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT AND APPROVAL
OF COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, if, during any fiscal year, the state is
3 designated to receive federal funds pursuant to the provisions of the
4 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, or any subsequent federal act
5 granting more than ____ dollars to the state related to COVID-19, the
6 Governor shall submit recommended allocations of such funds to the
7 speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore
8 of the Senate not later than thirty days after the passage of such act.
9 Within five days of receipt of the recommended allocations, the speaker
10 and the president pro tempore shall submit the recommended
11 allocations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
12 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets
13 of state agencies. Said committee shall report their approval or
14 modifications, if any, of such recommended allocations to the General
15 Assembly for approval. Disbursement of such funds shall be in
16 accordance with the allocations approved by the General Assembly. No

17 disbursement of such funds shall occur prior to such approval by the
18 General Assembly. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the
19 respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on
20 February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof
21 recognized by said organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a process for legislative oversight and approval of the allocation of COVID-19 relief funds from the federal government.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]