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Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 28, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 4, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 535	Identical bill	Jan 28, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.

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This bill makes special districts eligible for the Coronavirus Relief Fund and the Municipal Liquidity Facility program.

Specifically, the bill makes special districts eligible for payments from amounts paid to states from any new appropriations to the fund. A special district must submit a request for payment to the state with information demonstrating that the special district has experienced or is likely to experience during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency

- reduced revenue or operational funding derived from provided services, taxes, fees, or other sources of revenue;
- reduced indirect funding from the federal government, the state, or a unit of general government below the state level; or
- as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, increased expenditures necessary to continue operations.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall include special districts as eligible issuers in the Municipal Liquidity Facility program, which was created in response to the COVID-19 emergency to buy municipal securities.

Actions Timeline

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