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HOUSE BILL No. 4610

May 11, 2017, Introduced by Rep. Farrington and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 390, entitled

"Emergency management act,"

by amending section 19 (MCL 30.419), as amended by 2013 PA 110.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 19. (1) Under extraordinary circumstances, upon the declaration of a state of disaster or a state of emergency by the governor and subject to the requirements of this subsection, the governor may authorize an expenditure from the disaster and emergency contingency fund to provide state assistance to counties and municipalities when federal assistance is not available. If the governor proclaims a state of disaster or a state of emergency, the first recourse for disaster related expenses shall be to funds of the county or municipality. If the demands placed upon the funds of a county or municipality in coping with a particular disaster or emergency are unreasonably great, the governing body of the county

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- 1 or municipality may apply, by resolution of the local governing
- 2 body, for a grant from the disaster and emergency contingency fund.
- 3 The resolution shall certify that the affected county or
- 4 municipality emergency operations plan was implemented in a timely
- 5 manner. The resolution shall set forth the purpose for which the
- 6 assistance is sought, the extent of damages sustained, and certify
- 7 an exhaustion of local efforts. Assistance grants under this
- 8 section shall not exceed \$100,000.00 or 10% of the total annual
- 9 operating budget for the preceding fiscal year of the county or
- 10 municipality, whichever is less. The assistance under this
- 11 subsection is to provide grants, excluding reimbursement for
- 12 capital outlay expenditures, in mitigation of the extraordinary
- 13 burden of a county or municipality in relation to its available
- 14 resources. ASSISTANCE GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT EXCEED
- 15 THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS OR 10% OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET
- 16 FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY,
- 17 WHICHEVER IS LESS:
- 18 (A) FOR A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY WITH A POPULATION UNDER
- 19 25,000, \$250,000.00.
- 20 (B) FOR A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY WITH A POPULATION OF 25,000
- 21 OR MORE AND LESS THAN 75,000, \$500,000.00.
- 22 (C) FOR A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY WITH A POPULATION OF 75,000
- 23 OR MORE, \$1,000,000.00.
- 24 (2) The director shall promulgate rules governing the
- 25 application and eligibility for the use of the state disaster and
- 26 emergency contingency fund. Rules that have been promulgated prior
- 27 to December 31, 1988 to implement this section shall remain in

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- 1 effect until revised or replaced. The rules shall include, but not
- 2 be limited to, all of the following:
- 3 (a) Demonstration of exhaustion of local effort.
- 4 (b) Evidence that the applicant is a county that actively
- 5 maintains an emergency management program, reviewed by and
- 6 determined to be current and adequate by the emergency management
- 7 division of the department, before the disaster or emergency for
- 8 which assistance is being requested occurs. If the applicant is a
- 9 municipality with a population of 10,000 or more, evidence that the
- 10 municipality either maintains a separate emergency management
- 11 program, reviewed by and determined to be current and adequate by
- 12 the emergency management division of the department, before the
- 13 disaster or emergency for which assistance is being requested or
- 14 occurs, or the municipality is incorporated in the county emergency
- 15 management program.
- 16 (c) Evidence that the applicable county or municipal emergency
- 17 operations plan was implemented in a timely manner at the beginning
- 18 of the disaster or emergency.
- 19 (d) Reimbursement for expenditures shall be limited to public
- 20 damage and direct loss as a result of the disaster or emergency, or
- 21 expenses incurred by the applicant for reimbursing employees for
- 22 disaster or emergency related activities which were not performed
- 23 as a part of their normal duties, or for other needs required
- 24 specifically for the mitigation of the effects, or in response to
- 25 the disaster or emergency.
- 26 (e) A disaster assessment team established by the emergency
- 27 management division of the department has substantiated the damages

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- 1 claimed by the applicant. Damage estimates submitted by the
- 2 applicant shall be based upon a disaster assessment carried out by
- 3 the applicant according to standard procedures recommended by the
- 4 emergency management division.
- 5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 6 unless Senate Bill No. or House Bill No. 4609 (request no.
- 7 02127'17 *) of the 99th Legislature is enacted into law.

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