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House File 553

STATE GOVERNMENT: Drake, Chair; C. Miller and Coleman

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Place On Calendar

HOUSE FILE 553

BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(Formerly House Study Bill 208)

Passed House, Date 3-20-85 (p. 923) Passed Senate, Date 4-15-85 (p. 1373)

Vote: Ayes 98 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 48 Nays 0

Approved April 29 1985 (p. 2028)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to federal disaster assistance to state and
2 local governments and providing an effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUESTED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUHR

In compliance with a written request received March 15, 1985, a fiscal note for HOUSE FILE 553 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 553 authorizes the state to provide matching funds for federal disaster assistance to local and state governments. Section 1 provides that the state provide up to 10 percent of the expenses if the assistance is to a local government and up to 25 percent if the assistance is to the state government.

Section 2 authorizes the Executive Council to approve financial grants for disaster assistance to local governments. The grants are limited to ten percent of the eligible expenses and are conditional upon the federal government providing 75 percent of the funding. The bill is effective upon publication.

FISCAL IMPACT: It is not possible to predict the fiscal impact of House File 553 since the number and type of disasters that might occur in any one year, or consecutive years, cannot be predicted.

Prior to 1983, the federal government provided 100 percent of public disaster assistance. Due to a recent federal regulation change, state and local governments must now provide 25 percent of the funding needed for disaster assistance. The federal government will provide the remaining 75 percent of the funding.

SOURCE: Office of Disaster Services

(LSB 2227H, HML)

FILED MARCH 18, 1985

BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

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1 Section 1. Section 29C.6, Code 1985, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 17. When the president of the United
4 States has declared a major disaster to exist in the state and
5 upon the governor's determination that financial assistance is
6 essential to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or
7 serious needs of local and state government adversely affected
8 by a major disaster that cannot be otherwise adequately met
9 from other means of assistance, accept a grant by the federal
10 government to fund such financial assistance, subject to terms
11 and conditions imposed upon the grant, and enter into an
12 agreement with the federal government pledging the state to
13 participate in the funding of the financial assistance
14 authorized to local government in an amount not to exceed ten
15 percent of the total eligible expenses, with local government
16 providing fifteen percent. If financial assistance is granted
17 by the federal government for state disaster-related expenses
18 or serious needs, the state shall participate in the funding
19 of the financial assistance authorized in an amount not to
20 exceed twenty-five percent of the total eligible expenses. If
21 state funds are not otherwise available to the governor, an
22 advance of the state share may be accepted from the federal
23 government to be repaid when the state is able to do so.

24 Sec. 2. Section 29C.20, Code 1985, is amended by adding
25 the following new subsection:

26 NEW SUBSECTION. If the president of the United States, at
27 the request of the governor, has declared a major disaster to
28 exist in this state, the executive council may make financial
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31 disaster if those expenses or needs cannot otherwise be met
32 from other means of assistance. The amount of the grant shall
33 not exceed ten percent of the total eligible expenses and is
34 conditional upon the federal government providing at least
35 seventy-five percent of the eligible expenses.

1 Sec. 3. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,
2 takes effect from and after its publication in The New Iowa
3 Bystander, a newspaper published in Des Moines, Iowa, and in
4 The Grundy Register, a newspaper published in Grundy Center,
5 Iowa.

6 EXPLANATION

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State Government: Buhr. Chair: Carter and Renken.

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SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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33 not exceed ten percent of the total eligible expenses and is
34 conditional upon the federal government providing at least
35 seventy-five percent of the eligible expenses. The aggregate

1 total of such grants shall not exceed five hundred thousand
2 dollars during any fiscal year.

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4 takes effect from and after its publication in the
5 _____, a newspaper published in _____,
6 Iowa, and in _____, a newspaper published in
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DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

ROBERT T. ANDERSON
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 553, Seventy-first General Assembly.

JOSEPH O'HERN
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved *April 29*, 1985

TERRY E. HRANSTAD
Governor

