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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 2162)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to financial assistance to local governments for
 2 eligible disaster-related expenses, serious needs, and hazard
 3 mitigation and providing an effective date.

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

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S.F. 2386

1 Section 1. Section 29C.6, subsection 17, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 17. a. When the president of the United States has
4 declared a major disaster to exist in the state and upon the
5 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 the 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 and eligible private nonprofit
15 agencies in an amount not to exceed ten percent of the total
16 eligible expenses, with the applicant providing fifteen
17 percent. If financial assistance is granted by the federal
18 government for state disaster-related expenses or serious
19 needs, the state shall participate in the funding of the
20 financial assistance authorized in an amount not to exceed
21 twenty-five percent of the total eligible expenses. If
22 financial assistance is granted by the federal government for
23 hazard mitigation, the state may participate in the funding of
24 the financial assistance authorized to a local government in
25 an amount not to exceed ten percent of the eligible expenses,
26 with local government providing forty percent. If financial
27 assistance is granted by the federal government for state-
28 related hazard mitigation, the state may participate in the
29 funding of the financial assistance authorized, not to exceed
30 fifty percent of the total eligible expenses. If state funds
31 are not otherwise available to the governor, an advance of the
32 state share may be accepted from the federal government to be
33 repaid when the state is able to do so.

34 b. State participation in funding financial assistance
35 under paragraph "a" is contingent upon the local government

1 having on file a state-approved, comprehensive, countywide
2 emergency operations plan which meets the standards adopted
3 pursuant to section 29C.9, subsection 8.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1,
5 1999.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill provides that a local government shall have on
8 file with the emergency management division of the state
9 department of public defense a comprehensive, countywide
10 emergency operations plan meeting state standards in order to
11 be eligible for the partial state funding of financial
12 assistance to the local government for disaster-related
13 expenses, serious needs, or hazard mitigation.

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FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for Senate File 2386 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 2386 provides that a local government shall have on file with the Emergency Management Division, Department of Public Defense, a comprehensive, countywide emergency operations plan that meets State standards in order to be eligible for the partial State funding of the match required for federal disaster assistance.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. Fifty-two counties have approved plans.
2. Thirty-eight counties have submitted plans that are under review.
3. The nine remaining counties identified as lacking plans, have developed plans that are missing significant elements, such as planning for hazardous materials incidents.
4. The State presently provides 10.0% and the local government provides 15.0% for a total of 25.0% match to receive the 75.0% federal grant.
5. Under the proposed legislation, the local government without an acceptable plan would be responsible for the entire 25.0% match to receive the 75.0% federal grant funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

Because it is not possible to predict where disasters will strike or their severity, the fiscal impact of SF 2386 cannot be determined. The required disaster assistance match for local governments without an acceptable plan would increase from a 15.0% match to a 25.0% match (66.7% increase) to receive federal grant funding.

SOURCE

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