AN ACT directing the state comptroller to act as a fiscal monitor for
the distribution and expenditure of federal funds received by any town
through the CARES Act

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
by, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The state comptroller shall serve as a fiscal monitor to
provide direct oversight of any monies allocated to any town by the
United States department of treasury pursuant to the federal Coronavirus
The state comptroller shall review any expenditures proposed and
approved by any town pursuant to the CARES act; provided, however, that
CARES Act monies received by any village, which were already subject to
review by the state comptroller upon their allocation to a town, shall
not be subject to additional review by the state comptroller upon their
allocation to a village from a town. No funds pursuant to the CARES act
may be expended by any town without the approval of the state compt-
troller, who shall determine the amount of monies a town shall distrib-
ute to each of its villages based upon such village's level of need,
population, and other such factors as the state comptroller shall deter-
mine in his or her sole discretion; provided, however, that this
approval requirement shall only apply to funds that have not already
been distributed to their final recipient as of the effective date of
this act. Funds received by such villages or towns pursuant to the CARES
Act may only be used to cover costs that:

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emer-
gen cy related to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of
March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES act) for the state
or local government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and
ends on December 30, 2020.

EXPLANATION—Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[ - ] is old law to be omitted.

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Any village or town receiving funds pursuant to the CARES act may allocate funds to a unit of local government within its jurisdiction, if approved by the state comptroller.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.