

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

July 8, 2020

Introduced by Sen. THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The state comptroller shall serve as a fiscal monitor to  
2 provide direct oversight of any monies allocated to any town by the  
3 United States department of treasury pursuant to the federal Coronavirus  
4 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-136).  
5 The state comptroller shall review any expenditures proposed and  
6 approved by any town pursuant to the CARES act; provided, however, that  
7 CARES Act monies received by any village, which were already subject to  
8 review by the state comptroller upon their allocation to a town, shall  
9 not be subject to additional review by the state comptroller upon their  
10 allocation to a village from a town. No funds pursuant to the CARES act  
11 may be expended by any town without the approval of the state comp-  
12 troller, who shall determine the amount of monies a town shall distrib-  
13 ute to each of its villages based upon such village's level of need,  
14 population, and other such factors as the state comptroller shall deter-  
15 mine in his or her sole discretion; provided, however, that this  
16 approval requirement shall only apply to funds that have not already  
17 been distributed to their final recipient as of the effective date of  
18 this act. Funds received by such villages or towns pursuant to the CARES  
19 Act may only be used to cover costs that:

- 20 1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emer-  
21 gency related to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- 22 2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of  
23 March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES act) for the state  
24 or local government; and
- 25 3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and  
26 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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1 Any village or town receiving funds pursuant to the CARES act may  
2 allocate funds to a unit of local government within its jurisdiction, if  
3 approved by the state comptroller.  
4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.