

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 5198

To amend title VI of the Social Security Act to make eligible revenue sharing consolidated governments eligible for payments from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 7, 2022

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Local Assistance Fair-
5 ness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE REVENUE**
 2 **SHARING CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENTS**
 3 **FROM LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CON-**
 4 **SISTENCY FUND.**

5 Section 605 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 6 805) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “For
 9 each of” and inserting “Subject to paragraph
 10 (3), for each of”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 12 paragraph:

13 “(3) PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE REVENUE SHAR-
 14 ING CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENTS.—In making al-
 15 locations and payments under paragraph (1), the
 16 Secretary shall apply such paragraph by substituting
 17 ‘eligible revenue sharing county and eligible revenue
 18 sharing consolidated government’ for ‘eligible rev-
 19 enue sharing county’ each place it appears.”;

20 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “or an eligible
 21 Tribal government” and inserting “, an eligible
 22 Tribal government, or an eligible revenue sharing
 23 consolidated government”;

24 (3) in subsections (d) and (e), by inserting “or
 25 eligible revenue sharing consolidated government”

1 after “eligible revenue sharing county” each place it
 2 appears; and

3 (4) in subsection (f)—

4 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
 5 through (4) as paragraphs (2) through (5), re-
 6 spectively; and

7 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as
 8 so redesignated) the following new paragraph:

9 “(1) ELIGIBLE REVENUE SHARING CONSOLI-
 10 DATED GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘eligible revenue
 11 sharing consolidated government’ means—

12 “(A) a county, parish, or borough—

13 “(i) that has been classified by the
 14 Bureau of the Census as an active govern-
 15 ment consolidated with another govern-
 16 ment; and

17 “(ii) for which, as determined by the
 18 Secretary, there is a negative revenue im-
 19 pact due to implementation of a Federal
 20 program or changes to such program; and

21 “(B) a unit of general local government
 22 described in section 6901(2)(A)(ii) of title 31,
 23 United States Code, for which a payment may

1 be made to the State of Alaska under section
2 6902(a)(2) of that title.”.

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