

1 S.349

2 **XX** moves that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as  
3 follows:

4 First: In Sec. 1 (local government COVID-19 reimbursement), subsection  
5 (a) (total appropriation), after “In fiscal year 2020,” by striking out  
6 “\$16,000,000.00” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$6,000,000.00”

7 Second: In Sec. 1 (local government COVID-19 reimbursement),  
8 subsection (b) (eligibility guidelines), after “units of local government.” by  
9 inserting “In determining the allocation of reimbursements under this section,  
10 the Secretary may prioritize need, including the local unemployment rate and  
11 the percent of eligible COVID-19 expenses relative to the total budget.”

12 Third: In Sec. 1 (local government COVID-19 reimbursement), by striking  
13 out subdivision (c)(1) (appropriation to cities and towns) in its entirety and  
14 inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (c)(1) to read:

15 (1) \$5,850,000.00 in grants that shall not exceed \$200,000.00 per  
16 recipient for reimbursement of eligible COVID-19 expenses to the following:

17 (A) Vermont counties in amounts that shall not exceed \$1.00 per  
18 person as determined from the 2019 town census data published by the U.S.  
19 Census Bureau; and

20 (B) Vermont cities, towns, unorganized towns or gores, and any of  
21 the unified towns and gores of Essex County including those incurred by

1 incorporated villages, fire districts, consolidated water districts created under  
2 24 V.S.A. chapter 91, and consolidated sewer districts created under 24 V.S.A.  
3 chapter 105 therein. Grants allocated under this subdivision (c)(1)(B) shall not  
4 exceed \$20.00 per person as determined from the 2019 town census data  
5 published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

6 Fourth: In Sec. 1 (local government COVID-19 reimbursement), by  
7 striking subdivision (c)(2) (appropriation to counties, unorganized towns or  
8 gores, and unified towns and gores of Essex County) in its entirety and  
9 inserting in lieu thereof:

10 (2) [Deleted.]

11 Fifth: In Sec. 1 (local government COVID-19 reimbursement), subdivision  
12 (c)(4) (proration of grants), after “grants may be prorated” by inserting “and  
13 the Secretary or designee shall prioritize grants to municipalities with  
14 populations under 2,500”