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H. R. 8300

To provide for a temporary increase to the Federal share for certain highway projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. CICILLINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Highways Coronavirus
5 Relief Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS TO FEDERAL SHARE**

7 **PAYABLE.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) COVERED FUNDS.—The term “covered
10 funds” means—

1 (A) funds apportioned to a State under
2 section 104 of title 23, United States Code; and

3 (B) funds allocated to Puerto Rico under
4 section 165 of that title.

5 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means any of
6 the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

7 (b) TEMPORARY MODIFICATION.—Notwithstanding
8 section 120 of title 23, United States Code, or any other
9 provision of law, except as provided in subsection (f), at
10 the request of a State or Puerto Rico, as applicable, the
11 Federal share applicable with respect to covered funds
12 shall be up to 100 percent for obligations described in sub-
13 section (c).

14 (c) OBLIGATIONS DESCRIBED.—The obligations re-
15 ferred to in subsection (b) are—

16 (1) obligations that, on the date of enactment
17 of this Act, are existing and unliquidated; or

18 (2) obligations made during the period begin-
19 ning on the date of enactment of this Act and end-
20 ing on September 30, 2021.

21 (d) EXISTING OBLIGATIONS.—An increased Federal
22 share under this section shall only be applied to an obliga-
23 tion described in subsection (c)(1)—

1 (1) during the period beginning on the date of
2 enactment of this Act and ending on September 30,
3 2021; and

4 (2) if the obligation remains unliquidated at the
5 time of modification of the Federal share under this
6 section.

7 (e) CONTINUATION OF INCREASED FEDERAL
8 SHARE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as described in para-
10 graph (2), if an increased Federal share is applied
11 under this section to an obligation described in sub-
12 section (c), the increased Federal share shall con-
13 tinue to apply after September 30, 2021.

14 (2) DEOBLIGATION.—If an increased Federal
15 share is applied under this section to an obligation
16 described in subsection (c) and the funds are
17 deobligated on or after October 1, 2021, this section
18 shall not apply to any reobligation of the funds.

19 (f) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (b) shall not apply to
20 amounts initially authorized under section 115 of title 23,
21 United States Code, in or after fiscal year 2021.

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