

Amendment to SB 409

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Exceptional Disaster Relief Loans;  
4 Modification of Circumstances. Amend RSA 21-P:37-c, II to read as follows:

5 II.(a) When the President of the United States declares an area a federal disaster area, **or**  
6 ***the governor declares a state of emergency as defined in RSA 21-P:35, VIII***, and a  
7 municipality has applied for federal emergency assistance from the Federal Emergency Management  
8 Administration (FEMA), the governor, with the approval of the executive council may approve a  
9 ***non-interest*** loan in the amount up to the anticipated assistance from FEMA, ***as agreed upon by***  
10 ***the division of homeland security and emergency management and the municipality***, from  
11 funds not otherwise appropriated.

12 (b) In order to be eligible for an exceptional disaster relief loan, the per ~~insurance~~  
13 ***incident*** cost of a municipality's critical disaster relief project or projects shall equal or exceed 25  
14 percent of the amount raised by local property taxes in the municipality's ~~last~~ ***current*** annual  
15 budget.

16 (c) ***The municipality shall not knowingly request an exceptional disaster relief***  
17 ***loan for costs that are not eligible for reimbursement under the FEMA public assistance***  
18 ***program.***

19 (d) ***Recipients of an exceptional disaster relief loan shall be responsible to repay***  
20 ***the entire loan amount to the state. If the amount of FEMA assistance that a municipality***  
21 ***receives is less than the exceptional disaster relief loan, the state treasurer, with the advice***  
22 ***and consent of the governor and council, shall negotiate repayment terms of the difference.***

23 (e) ***The municipality shall consider applying for available hazard mitigation***  
24 ***grant funding administered by the division of homeland security and emergency***  
25 ***management that would reduce the impact of future disasters on facilities that were***  
26 ***repaired with exceptional disaster relief loan funds. Municipalities must demonstrate***  
27 ***progress on the implementation of their hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible for***  
28 ***future assistance loans under this section for disasters affecting facilities where an***  
29 ***exceptional disaster relief loan was previously granted.***