

SB 150-FN-A-LOCAL – AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL ***150-FN-A-LOCAL***

AN ACT making an appropriation to the department of revenue administration for the purpose of reimbursing cities and towns for certain flood control payments.

SPONSORS: Sen. Sanborn, Dist 9; Sen. Larsen, Dist 15; Sen. Boutin, Dist 16; Rep. Ratzki, Merr 1

COMMITTEE: Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation to the department of revenue administration for the purpose of reimbursing cities and towns for certain flood control payments.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Merrimack River Basin; Reimbursement for Flood Control; Appropriation. The sum of
2 \$800,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 and the sum of \$800,000 for the fiscal year ending
3 June 30, 2015 are hereby appropriated to the department of revenue administration for the purpose
4 of reimbursing towns and cities in the Merrimack river basin under the Connecticut river flood
5 control compact in RSA 484:1 and the Merrimack river flood control compact in RSA 484:7 for flood
6 control payments authorized under RSA 122:4. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for
7 said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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SB 150 FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT making an appropriation to the department of revenue administration for the purpose of reimbursing cities and towns for certain flood control payments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill, as amended by the Senate (Amendment #2013-0487s), will increase state general fund expenditures and local revenue by \$800,000 in FY 2014 and FY 2015. There is no fiscal impact on county and local expenditures, or state and county revenue.

This bill appropriates \$800,000 from the state general fund to the Department of Revenue Administration for each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2015, for the purpose of this act.

METHODOLOGY:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill appropriates \$800,000 for each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2015 to the Department of Revenue Administration for the purpose of reimbursing towns and cities in the Merrimack river basin under the Connecticut River Flood Control Compact in RSA 484:1 and RSA 122:4 for flood payments authorized under RSA 122:4. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant from funds not otherwise appropriated.

The Department of Revenue Administration states this bill cannot be administered as written due to discrepancies with RSA 484:1 and RSA 122:4. The Department offers the following concerns and questions related to this bill: the Connecticut River Flood Control Compact does not contemplate the towns and cities in the Merrimack River Basin; the bill does not cite which cities and towns should be reimbursed; the bill does not state how the reimbursements are to be apportioned among cities and towns; the bill does not state how the reimbursements are to be distributed; the bill does not state if the amount to be distributed is in addition to flood money already distributed under RSA 122:4; and the bill does not state what is to happen to the reimbursements if the unpaid outstanding obligations are collected from other states.