

**Senate State and Local Government Committee 1**

**Amendment No. 1 to SB1158**

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) There is created a program to be administered by the agency that shall be known as the "Emergency Relief Program."

(b) A political subdivision may request a grant from the program to help offset the uninsured costs incurred by the political subdivision in responding to an emergency if:

(1) An emergency has occurred within the political subdivision; and

(2) The damages resulting from the emergency in the political subdivision are not eligible for federal public assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, compiled in 42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.

(c) A political subdivision receiving a grant under this section may use the money:

(1) To repair or replace public roads, public buildings, public utilities, and other infrastructure owned by the political subdivision;

(2) For life-saving measures;

(3) To protect public health and safety or property; and

(4) To remove debris from publicly owned land and waterways.

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(d) The agency shall evaluate a request for a grant, determine the amount of the grant, and disburse the grant if the agency determines that the criteria in subsection (b) have been met.

(e) Grants under this section are contingent upon the availability of funds that have been specifically allocated for the program in the general appropriations act. It is the legislative intent that appropriations to the program recur on a yearly basis.

(f) Grants disbursed pursuant to this section shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). A political subdivision may receive a grant under this section once per calendar year.

(g) The agency may promulgate rules, in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, to effectuate the purposes of the program.

(h) As used in this section, "program" means the emergency relief program created in subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.