2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 192

Introduced by: Senator Brock Greenfield at the request of the Office of the Governor

An Act to create the small business economic disaster relief subfund, to provide for the transfer of certain funds into the subfund, to authorize the Economic Development Finance Authority to make a grant to the subfund, to provide for the continuous appropriation of the subfund, and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added:

1-16G-85. Definitions.

Terms used in §§ 1-16G-85 through 1-16G-89 mean:

1. "Commissioner," the Commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development;

2. "Disaster relief subfund," the small business economic disaster relief subfund created in § 1-16G-86;

3. "COVID-19 state of emergency," the COVID-19 outbreak emergency declared by the Governor as provided in § 34-48A-5, including any extension thereof; and

4. "Small business," a business enterprise with no more than two hundred fifty full-time equivalent employees.

Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added:

1-16G-86. Disaster relief subfund--Creation--Continuous appropriation.

There is created within the revolving economic development and initiative fund created by § 1-16G-3 the small business economic disaster relief subfund. Unexpended money and any interest that may be credited to the subfund shall remain in subfund. Any money in the subfund is continuously appropriated to the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The commissioner may accept grants and gifts to the subfund.
Section 3. That a NEW SECTION be added:

1-16G-87. Disaster relief subfund--Loans.

The commissioner may make loans from the disaster relief subfund to small
businesses adversely affected by the COVID-19 state of emergency. The commissioner
shall approve loans from the disaster relief subfund upon terms established by the
commissioner. Loan proceeds may be used for business purposes as approved by the
commissioner. No loan from the disaster relief subfund may exceed seventy-five thousand
dollars.

Section 4. That a NEW SECTION be added:

1-16G-88. Disaster relief subfund--Reporting.

The commissioner shall provide a report at each regular meeting of the Board of
Economic Development containing the name of each disaster relief subfund borrower, the
amount of the loan, and the maturity and interest rate of the loan. The report shall be a
public document and shall be posted on the Governor's Office of Economic Development
website.

Section 5. That a NEW SECTION be added:

1-16G-89. Disaster relief subfund loans--Confidentiality.

The meetings and deliberations of the commissioner and the Governor's Office of
Economic Development concerning loans from the disaster relief subfund are confidential
and exempt from public disclosure, chapter 1-25, and chapter 1-27. Any documentary
material or data made or received by the commissioner or the Governor's Office of
Economic Development for the purpose of acting upon an application for a loan from the
disaster relief subfund or administering the loan, to the extent that such material or data
consists of trade secrets or commercial or financial information regarding the operation of
such business, are not considered public records, and are exempt from disclosure. Nothing
in this section prohibits the disclosure of confidential information to the extent necessary
to collect or recoup the loan or the disclosure of confidential information to the Board of
Economic Development.

Section 6. The state treasurer shall transfer the sum of seven million dollars to the disaster
relief subfund from the small business credit initiative fund created in § 1-53-15.
Section 7. The state treasurer shall transfer the sum of one million dollars to the disaster relief subfund from the value-added agriculture subfund created in § 1-53-34.

Section 8. The state treasurer shall transfer the sum of one million dollars to the disaster relief subfund from the Governor's Office of Economic Development special revenue fund created in § 1-53-7.

Section 9. The Economic Development Finance Authority may make a grant or gift of up to two million dollars to the disaster relief subfund from the agricultural processing and export fund.

Section 10. This Act is repealed on July 1, 2025.

Section 11. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.