Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20 Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16 Sen. Kahn, Dist 10 Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21 Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5 Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13 Sen. Sherman, Dist 24 Sen. Soucy, Dist 18 Sen. Watters, Dist 4 Sen. Whitley, Dist 15 June 2, 2021 2021-1850s 10/11

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 460 the following new section:

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461 Appropriation; State Treasurer; Municipal Aid.

- I. The sum of \$20,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 and the sum of \$20,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to the state treasurer for the purpose of providing municipal aid to each city, town, and unincorporated place in the state. The treasurer shall distribute the municipal aid to each city, town, and unincorporated place in the state in one payment of 100 percent on or before October 1 of each fiscal year. The proportion of municipal aid distributed to each municipality pursuant to this paragraph shall be calculated pursuant to paragraph II. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Municipal aid received by October 15, 2021 may be considered unanticipated revenue under RSA 31:95-b and may be accepted and expended pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, II through IV whether or not a town has adopted the provisions of RSA 31:95-b, II. Municipalities shall use a minimum of 60 percent of the amount anticipated in FY 2022 and FY 2023 for property tax rate reduction.
- II. On July 1 of each fiscal year, the treasurer shall reserve the amount necessary for distributions pursuant to paragraph I of this act and said moneys shall not be used for any other purpose. Distributions shall be determined as follows:
- (a) Twenty percent of such funds for the determination year shall be distributed to municipalities on the basis of the ratio that each municipality's average daily membership in residence bears to the statewide total membership in residence, as determined by the department and provided to the treasurer.
- (b) Eighty percent of such funds for the determination year shall be distributed to municipalities on the basis of the ratio that each municipality's number of pupils in the municipality's average daily membership in residence eligible for a free or reduced-price meal bears

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to the total statewide membership in residence eligible for a free or reduced-price meal, as determined by the department and provided to the treasurer.

- III. For purposes of this section:
- (a) "Average daily membership in residence" or "ADMR" means the average daily membership in attendance of pupils who are legal residents of the school district, pursuant to RSA 193:12 or RSA 193:27, IV, in kindergarten through grade 12 in the determination year and attend a state-approved public or nonpublic school as assigned by the school district in which the pupil resides, or by the state, or attend an approved chartered public school, and who are educated at the school district's expense, which may include costs of attendance at public academies or out-of-district placements.
 - (b) "Department" means the department of education.
- (c) "Determination year" means the school year immediately preceding the school year for which aid is determined.
- (d) "Eligible for a free or reduced-price meal" means the ADMR of pupils in kindergarten through grade 12 who are eligible for the federal free or reduced-price meal program.
 - (e) "Municipality" means a city, town, or unincorporated place.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

136. Makes an appropriation to the state treasurer for the purpose of providing municipal aid grants to each city, town, and unincorporated place in the state by October 1 of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023. At least 60 percent of the grant received by a municipality shall be used for local property tax rate reduction.