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S.F. No. 1981 – County Relief Grants to Local Businesses

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S.F. 1981 appropriates \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 to the commissioner of revenue for payments to counties for relief grants to local businesses. Provides that the amount allocated to each county is proportional to that county's population, except that a county must receive at least \$100,000. Specifies the portion of each county's allocation that may be used for administrative costs, including the costs of a third-party administrator. Requires counties to use the funds to make grants to individual businesses, nonprofit organizations, and establishments operated by congressionally chartered veteran's organizations that were required to close under Executive Order No. 20-99¹. Requires that the grants must be awarded by May 31, 2021, and that any unexpended appropriation remaining after June 15, 2021, cancels to the state general fund. Requires a report on the grant program from the commissioner of employment and economic development.

¹ The closure required by Executive Order No. 20-99 was effective beginning Friday, November 20, 2020 at 11:59 pm through Friday, December 18, 2020 at 11:59 pm. The requirements of Executive Order No. 20-99 were subsequently modified and extended by Executive Order Nos. 20-103 (December 17, 2020) and 20-104 (December 23, 2020), and ultimately rescinded by Executive Order No. 21-01 (effective January 20, 2021).