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**Bill No. 83**

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Introduced by:

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***AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FEDERAL CUTS RESPONSE FUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a fund to be  
2 known as the "Federal Cuts Response Fund". The fund shall contain any  
3 moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund and shall be held  
4 by the Treasurer separate and apart from all other moneys, funds and  
5 accounts. Amounts in the fund shall be expended only pursuant to  
6 appropriation by the General Assembly. Except as provided in  
7 subsection (b) of this section, any balance remaining in the fund at the  
8 end of a fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fund for the  
9 subsequent fiscal year.

10 (b) After the accounts for the Federal Cuts Response Fund have been  
11 closed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and the Comptroller has  
12 determined the amount of the unexpended balance in said fund, the  
13 amount of such unexpended balance shall be transferred by the

14 Treasurer to the Budget Reserve Fund subject to the provisions of  
15 subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) or (d) of section 4-  
16 30a of the general statutes. The fund shall be terminated upon the  
17 transfer of the balance in the fund or upon the Comptroller's  
18 determination that there are no unexpended moneys available in the  
19 fund to transfer.

20 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
21 subsection (f) of section 4-30a of the general statutes, on the effective  
22 date of this act, the Treasurer shall transfer the sum of \$330,811,954 from  
23 the Budget Reserve Fund to the Federal Cuts Response Fund,  
24 established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

25 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The sum of \$330,811,954 is  
26 appropriated from the Federal Cuts Response Fund, established  
27 pursuant to section 1 of this act, to the Office of Policy and Management,  
28 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, for the purpose of responding to  
29 the policy impacts of P.L. 119-21 and mitigating any action or inaction  
30 by the federal government that results in a reduction in funding for any  
31 program in this state.

32 (b) That portion of unexpended funds appropriated in subsection (a)  
33 of this section shall not lapse on June 30, 2026, and shall continue to be  
34 available for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this section  
35 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

36 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may  
37 transfer any portion of the amount appropriated in subsection (a) of this  
38 section to any agency in any appropriated fund to give effect to the  
39 purposes described in subsection (a) of this section. The unexpended  
40 balance of any amount transferred pursuant to this section shall be  
41 returned to the Federal Cuts Response Fund on June 30, 2027, and shall  
42 lapse on said date.

43 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Prior to expending any moneys in  
44 accordance with subsection (a) of section 3 of this act or transferring any

45 moneys in accordance with subsection (c) of section 3 of this act, the  
46 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall provide  
47 electronic notice to the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker  
48 of the House of Representatives, and the majority and minority leaders  
49 of both houses of the General Assembly of the amount and purpose of  
50 each such expenditure or transfer. Any such expenditure or transfer  
51 may be disapproved by a majority vote of a committee consisting of said  
52 members of the General Assembly not later than twenty-four hours after  
53 the time the secretary provides notice pursuant to this section. Any  
54 meeting of such committee may be conducted on a virtual platform that  
55 is available to be viewed by members of the public. The secretary shall  
56 not make any such expenditure or transfer before the expiration of such  
57 twenty-four-hour period or after any such expenditure or transfer is  
58 disapproved in accordance with this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section