

Subject COVID-19 Minnesota Fund

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Summary

This bill would extend the COVID-19 Minnesota Fund until June 30, 2021. Under current law, the Fund is set to expire at the end of this month.

The Legislature established the \$200 million COVID-19 Minnesota Fund in late March (Laws 2020, chapter 71). The Fund serves as a source of dedicated state funding for the executive branch to protect Minnesotans from the COVID-19 outbreak and to maintain state government operations during the corresponding peacetime emergency declared by Governor Tim Walz. A Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission reviews, and can block, any proposed expenditure of \$1 million or more.

The Fund expired on May 11th of this year, but the Legislature revived it the next day and set a new expiration date of December 31, 2020 (Laws 2020, chapter 81).