



The Senate Stimulus Bill

The following summarizes key provisions in the Senate stimulus bill as of March 25.

General

- Total worth of about \$2 trillion, the largest rescue package in history.

Individuals

- Direct payments to low- and middle-income families - \$1200 per adult and \$500 per child for workers earning less than \$75,000 (and couples making less than \$150,000), phasing out at \$99,000/\$198,000 (Sec. 2201).
- Extension of unemployment benefits by 13 weeks (Sec. 2107) and a 4-month enhancement of benefits by an additional \$600 per week (Sec. 2104), totaling about \$250 billion.
 - o Benefits expanded to include furloughed employees and gig workers (Sec. 2102)
 - o Funding to pay for first week of unemployment through 12/31/20 for states that choose to offer it (Sec. 2105)
- \$15.8 billion for SNAP (Sec. 6002)
 - o Expanded benefits for SNAP
- \$8.8 billion for child nutrition programs (Sec. 6002)
- \$3.5 billion expanded funding for child care (p. 736)
- \$360 million for training and support
- Waives 10% early withdrawal penalty for withdrawal of up to \$100,000 from retirement funds (Sec. 2202).

- Consumer credit protections for debts modified or forboren due to the crisis (Sec. 4021)

Employers

- Deferral of payroll taxes for employers, to be paid back in the future on a staggered basis (Sec. 2302).
- Employers can provide student loan repayment benefit to employees tax-free, up to \$5,250 annually (Sec. 2206).
- Refundable employee retention payroll tax credit for 50% of wages paid during the crisis, under certain circumstances (Sec. 2301).

Distressed Businesses

- \$500 billion fund for distressed businesses, such as airlines, with worker protections and oversight built in (Sec. 4003).
 - o \$454 billion for Fed loans to distressed companies
 - o \$46 billion for industry-specific loans.
 - Includes airlines and hotels.
 - o Oversight by Special Inspector General (Sec. 4018) and 5-person panel (Sec. 4020) – similar to TARP
 - o Prohibition on loans to companies controlled (over 20% ownership) by the families (including in-laws) of the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, or Cabinet members (Sec. 4019).
 - o Limitations on Compensation of Certain Employees (Sec. 4004)
- \$25 billion for air carriers, \$4 billion for air cargo and \$3 billion for airline contractors (Sec. 4112)
 - o Government will take some equity share in air industry companies receiving aid (Sec. 4116)
 - o Executive compensation limited (Sec. 4117)
 - o Must agree not to conduct furloughs or reduce pay rates through 9/30/20 and no stock buybacks through 9/30/21.
- \$17 billion for national security related businesses (p. 513)
- Loan program for mid-size businesses between 500 and 10,000 employees (p. 521)

Small Business

- \$375 billion federally guaranteed loans (Sec. 1107), partially forgivable (Sec. 1106) for small businesses and non-profits that continue paying employees through the crisis.
 - o Loans will be available through June 30.
 - o \$10 billion in Small Business Administration grants of up to \$10,000 (Sec. 1107)
 - o \$17 billion for SBA to cover six months of principal and interest payments for businesses with current SBA loans (Sec. 1107)
 - o \$100 billion for secondary market guarantee sales (Sec. 1107).

- Increases government guarantee of loans for the Payment Protection Program to 100% through 12/31/20 (Sec. 1102)

Hospitals and Health Care

- \$100 billion for direct aid to hospitals, public entities, nonprofits, and Medicare and Medicaid enrolled suppliers and institutional providers to cover pandemic costs. (p. 750)
- \$250 million to expand the Hospital Preparedness Program's support of emergency preparedness (p. 745)
- \$1 billion to Indian Health Service (p. 718)
- Raise in Medicare payments for coronavirus-related treatment (Sec. 3709).
- \$16 billion for the Strategic National Stockpile for critical medical supplies, personal protective equipment, and life-saving medicine (p.744)
- \$4.3 billion to the CDC to support state and local health efforts (p. 728)
- \$3.5 billion for the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority to expand the production of vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics to help combat the pandemic. (p.745)
- \$1.5 billion for expansion of military hospitals and expeditionary hospital packages
- \$1.32 billion to community health centers on the front lines.
- \$1 billion for execution of the Defense Production Act to bolster domestic supply chains related to pandemic response
 - o Defense Production Act waivers (Sec. 4017)
- \$945 million to NIH for research
- \$200 million to assist nursing homes with infection control and support state efforts relating to nursing homes
- \$450 million for military medical research programs
- \$200 million for the FCC to support efforts of health care providers to use telehealth in pandemic response
- All coronavirus testing covered at no cost to patients.

State and Local

- \$150 billion for state and local government coronavirus relief fund (Sec.5001)
- \$1 billion in community services block grants to address unemployment and business interruption.
- \$1.5 billion to the Economic Development Administration for economic adjustment assistance (p.620)
- \$400 million for states to prepare for 2020 elections. (p.668)

Financial Institutions

- FDIC program to guarantee debt of solvent insured depositories (Sec. 4008)
- Exception to lending limits for nonbank financial companies (Sec. 4011)
- Financial institutions may suspend GAAP requirements (Sec. 4013)

- Suspension of statutory (TARP) limitations on using the Exchange Stabilization Fund to guarantee programs for the domestic money market mutual fund industry (Sec. 4015)

Food and Drug

- \$80 million for the FDA to continue work on COVID-19 response. (p. 675)
- Reforms FDA over-the-counter (OTC) monograph process (Sec. 3851)

Housing and Real Estate

- Prohibits foreclosures on federally-backed mortgages for 60 days starting 3/18/20 (Sec. 4022)
- Up to 90 days forbearance for multifamily borrowers (Sec. 4023)
- Temporary Moratorium on Eviction Filings (Sec. 4024)

Education

- \$30.75 billion in emergency education funding (p. 752)
- Defers student loan payments for through 9/30/20 for all federally owned loans (Sec. 3513).

Transportation

- \$25 billion in emergency transit funding (p. 839)
- \$10 billion for grants to airports (p.832)
- \$100 million for enhanced sanitation and security at airports.

Tax

- Permits deduction of \$300 cash contribution to charitable organizations, regardless of whether the taxpayer itemizes (Sec. 2204).
- Increased limitation level on charitable deductions for itemizers (Sec. 2205)
- Modification of net operating losses (Sec. 2303)
- Aviation tax holiday (Sec. 4007) on:
 - o 7.5% aviation passenger excise tax
 - o 6.25% aviation cargo excise tax
 - o Certain taxes on aviation use of kerosene

Disaster Relief

- \$45 billion for FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund (p.702)
- \$1.4 billion for National Guard to support states and territories (p.640)
- \$400 million for FEMA grants (p. 703), including:

- \$100 million Assistance to Firefighter Grants to provide personal protective equipment, supplies and reimbursements.
- \$100 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants, which focus on emergency preparedness.
- \$200 million for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, which provides shelter, food and supportive services through local service organizations.

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