

HB3797



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

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Introduced , by Rep. David A. Welter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Appropriates \$2,600,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Village of Coal City for the debt incurred by the municipality for its cleanup and recovery efforts following the destruction from the EF-3 tornado on June 22, 2015. Includes a preamble concerning the costs relating to the EF-3 tornado. Effective July 1, 2019.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented**
3 **in the General Assembly:**

4 WHEREAS, The Village of Coal City experienced an EF-3
5 tornado on June 22, 2015 resulting in damage to nearly one-
6 third of its total housing stock and requiring the complete
7 reconstruction of 160 residential structures; and

8 WHEREAS, The Village experienced significant blight
9 conditions and cleared its streets in an urgent manner to
10 restore the character of the community and aid in the
11 reconstruction of what had been lost; and

12 WHEREAS, The Village called upon multiple mutual aid
13 response networks, including, but not limited to, the Illinois
14 Public Works Mutual Aid Network, the Illinois Law Enforcement
15 Alarm System, and the South Suburban Building Officials
16 Association, and received different types of support from the
17 non-profit community through the assistance of the Village's
18 local ecumenical community and relief agencies, such as the
19 Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Team Rubicon, and the
20 American Red Cross, limiting the overall recovery expenditures
21 in order to restore the community from the chaos that came with

1 the weather on June 22, 2015; and

2 WHEREAS, The multiple events connected with the multiple
3 funnel clouds that wreaked havoc throughout the Village
4 resulted in emergency response expenditures totaling
5 approximately \$15,100,000 across the State of Illinois, which
6 was 84% of the federal funding formula threshold required to
7 receive federal aid for costs related to the June 22, 2015
8 tornado; and

9 WHEREAS, Although the total aggregate emergency response
10 expenditures exceeded the minimum Federal Emergency Management
11 Agency federal funding threshold for a majority of states
12 within the United States, the Illinois Emergency Management
13 Agency did not recommend that the Governor pursue federal
14 participation in the relief for qualified emergency
15 expenditures; and

16 WHEREAS, Because of this failure to act, the Village was
17 forced to sell alternate revenue bonds in 2015 in order to
18 raise the funds necessary to provide the public works necessary
19 to reestablish impaired infrastructure, maintain security
20 throughout the response, and renovate impacted neighborhoods;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois offered any assistance
2 possible and necessary to assist with the cleanup from the June
3 22, 2015 tornado but has been unable to provide any funding for
4 the alternate revenue bonds of 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Besides working closely with the State of
6 Illinois, the Village diligently worked on alternative
7 solutions for identifying additional revenues, including hiring
8 additional staff and consulting services to identify qualified
9 State programming, continuously responding to requests by the
10 State of Illinois for information to attempt in qualifying past
11 expenses for existing state programs, and attempting to receive
12 permission from the residents of the Village to receive home
13 rule authority to generate additional revenue to assist with
14 the upcoming debt payments; therefore

15 Section 5. The sum of \$2,600,000, or so much of that sum
16 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
17 Fund to the Village of Coal City for the debt incurred by the
18 municipality for its cleanup and recovery efforts following the
19 destruction from the EF-3 tornado on June 22, 2015.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
21 2019.