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To direct the Secretary of Defense to provide to States the total amount of funds for the costs to the States of activating the National Guard in response to the COVID–19 pandemic.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. ROSE of New York, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. CASE, Mr. RUSH, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. TITUS, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Uniform National
5 Guard Implementation To End this Disaster Act” or the
6 “UNITED Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL GUARD DUTY**
2 **RELATING TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of providing funds
4 to a Governor of a State under sections 902 and 905 of
5 title 32, United States Code, for members of the National
6 Guard ordered to active duty under section 502(f) of such
7 title for duty in connection with the COVID-19 public
8 health emergency, the Secretary of Defense shall pay the
9 total amount of the costs of such duty, regardless of
10 whether such members were so ordered before the date
11 of the enactment of this Act.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “COVID-19 public health emer-
14 gency” means the public health emergency related to
15 the coronavirus 2019 declared by the Secretary of
16 Health and Human Services pursuant to section 319
17 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d).

18 (2) The term “Governor of a State” means the
19 following:

20 (A) The Governor of a State or the Com-
21 monwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, or the Virgin
22 Islands.

23 (B) The commanding general of the Dis-
24 trict of Columbia National Guard.