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**S.F. No. 1728 – City of Echo Aid Penalty Forgiveness**

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All cities are required to complete certain annual financial reporting to the Office of the State Auditor to remain eligible for local government aid and small cities assistance aid. The City of Echo did not timely complete the required annual financial reporting form for 2020 and the city's December 2021 local government aid and small cities assistance aid payments were withheld.

This bill proposes to pay the City of Echo its withheld aid amounts, totaling \$46,060, provided that the state auditor certifies to the commissioner of revenue that it received the annual financial reporting form for 2020 from the city no later than June 1, 2023. (The Office of the State Auditor reports that the City of Echo submitted its required 2020 forms on December 14, 2021.)