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AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREFIGHTERS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR STATEWIDE AND LOCAL FIREFIGHTER Hfll→AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN←Hfll RECRUITMENT HAFC→; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION←HAFC Hfll→; CREATING THE FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT FUND←Hfll .

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO: .226763.1AIC February 6, 2024 (9:04pm) SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS--STATEWIDE AND LOCAL FIREFIGHTER Hfll→AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN←Hfll RECRUITMENT.--The department of finance and administration shall establish a program to distribute funds appropriated to the department for statewide and local firefighter Hfll→and emergency medical technician←Hfll recruitment. The department shall establish criteria for the distribution of funds to state and local fire departments for firefighter Hfll→and emergency medical technician←Hfll recruitment. Fire departments, including volunteer fire departments, may use the funds to recruit firefighters Hfll→who are certified and have taken←Hfll Hfll→the oath prescribed for firefighters←Hfll and Hfll→for licensed←Hfll emergency medical technicians.

Hfll⇒SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT FUND.--The "firefighter recruitment fund" is created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The fund consists of distributions, appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and income from investment of the fund. The department of finance and administration shall administer the fund. Money in the fund is subject to appropriation by the legislature for the purpose of firefighter and emergency medical technician recruitment. Expenditures from the fund shall be by warrant of the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of finance and administration

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HAFC→SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Thirty-five million

dollars (\$35,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to

the department of finance and administration for expenditure in

fiscal years 2025 through 2027 for statewide and local

firefighter recruitment. Any unexpended or unencumbered

balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert

to the general fund.←HAFC

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