

SENATE BILL 175

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AND PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER RECRUITMENT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS--STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AND PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER RECRUITMENT.--The department of finance and administration shall establish a program to distribute funds appropriated to the department for state and local law enforcement officer, correctional officer and probation and parole officer recruitment. The department shall establish criteria for the distribution of funds to state and

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1 local law enforcement agencies, the corrections department and
2 the administrative office of the courts for law enforcement
3 officer, correctional officer and probation and parole officer
4 recruitment. Law enforcement agencies, the corrections
5 department and the administrative office of the courts may use
6 the funds to recruit certified law enforcement officers,
7 certified correctional officers and probation and parole
8 officers.

9 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Thirty-five million dollars
10 (\$35,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
11 department of finance and administration for expenditure in
12 fiscal years 2025 through 2027 for state and local law
13 enforcement officer, correctional officer and probation and
14 parole officer recruitment. Any unexpended or unencumbered
15 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert
16 to the general fund.