

1 SENATE BILL 196

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER DEPARTMENT FOR
12 EXPLORING THE OPTION OF CREATING AN INNOCENCE AND JUSTICE
13 PROJECT AND FOR OTHER NEEDS THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred fifty thousand
17 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
18 public defender department for expenditure in fiscal year 2021
19 for exploring the option of creating an innocence and justice
20 project and for other needs the department may have. Any
21 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
22 fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general fund.

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