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SENATE BILL 399

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE; CREATING THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT BORDER SUPPORT REIMBURSEMENT FUND; REQUIRING THE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ADMINISTER THE
FUND; PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN BORDER-RELATED
EXPENSES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; REQUIRING RULEMAKING; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] LOCAL GOVERNMENT BORDER SUPPORT
REIMBURSEMENT FUND--CREATED--PURPOSE--RULEMAKING.--

A. As used in this section, "fund" means the local
government border support reimbursement fund.

B. The "local government border support
reimbursement fund" is created as a nonreverting fund in the
state treasury. The fund consists of appropriations, gifts,

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1 grants, donations and income from the investment of the fund.
2 The department of finance and administration shall administer
3 the fund, and money in the fund is appropriated to the
4 department of finance and administration to carry out the
5 provisions of this section. Disbursements from the fund shall
6 be made by warrant of the secretary of finance and
7 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of
8 finance and administration or the secretary's authorized
9 representative.

10 C. The department of finance and administration
11 shall promulgate rules to administer the fund. Money in the
12 fund shall be used to provide reimbursement to local
13 governments for the following border-related expenses incurred
14 as a direct result of requests from the state and federal
15 government:

16 (1) emergency medical services provided to
17 individuals in medical crisis;

18 (2) law enforcement response to unattended
19 deaths; and

20 (3) costs associated with:

21 (a) specialized equipment necessary to
22 support border patrol, including all-terrain vehicles and
23 trailers;

24 (b) supporting humanitarian efforts,
25 including the provision of transportation, housing, health care

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1 and other community services;
2 (c) illegal dumping;
3 (d) state and federal drug trafficking
4 task forces; and
5 (e) state and federal human trafficking
6 task forces."

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