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SENATE BILL 578

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; CREATING THE NATIONAL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT FUND; CREATING THE MILITARY PROTECTION AND GROWTH PROGRAM; CREATING THE DEFENSE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PROGRAM; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

**SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] NATIONAL SECURITY**

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT FUND--CREATION--ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.--

A. The "national security infrastructure support fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of money appropriated by the legislature to the fund. Money in the fund shall not revert to any other fund at the end of a fiscal year. The secretary of economic development shall administer the fund, and money in the fund is appropriated to the economic development department to administer the military

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1 protection and growth program and the defense economic  
2 community program. Disbursements from the fund shall be made  
3 by warrant of the secretary of finance and administration  
4 pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of economic  
5 development or the secretary's authorized representative.

6 B. The specific allocation of the funds shall be  
7 determined by the military base planning commission in  
8 consultation with the economic development department. Funds  
9 from the national security infrastructure support fund shall be  
10 distributed to the following programs:

11 (1) the military protection and growth  
12 program; and

13 (2) the defense economic community program.

14 C. The economic development department may provide  
15 grants in accordance with Subsection B of this section for the  
16 following purposes:

17 (1) to conduct a study to assess the military  
18 bases and communities of New Mexico in relationship to base  
19 realignment and closure, which shall develop:

20 (a) a facilities and installations  
21 strategy for New Mexico to protect the military installations;

22 (b) a process for regular review of  
23 federal installation strengths and weaknesses to include  
24 military value and facility conditions;

25 (c) recommendations regarding the

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1 development of policies and plans to support the long-term  
2 viability, prosperity and economic sustainability of the active  
3 military and civilian communities;

4 (d) information about issues related to  
5 the operating costs, missions and strategic value of federal  
6 military installations located in the state;

7 (e) employment issues that depend on  
8 defense bases and in defense-related businesses; and

9 (f) defense strategies and incentive  
10 programs that other states are using to maintain, expand and  
11 attract new defense contractors;

12 (2) to assist defense-dependent municipalities  
13 to have a funding source to implement strategies recommended by  
14 the study of military bases and communities of New Mexico;

15 (3) to assist communities in the design and  
16 execution of programs that enhance a community's relationship  
17 with military installations and defense-related businesses,  
18 including regional alliances that may extend over state lines;

19 (4) to assist communities in the retention and  
20 recruiting of defense-related businesses, including fostering  
21 strategic regional alliances that may extend over state lines;

22 (5) to diversify and further commercialize the  
23 local economy of a defense-dependent community; and

24 (6) to develop public-private contractual  
25 agreements with a focus on the fields of information

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1 technology, cybersecurity, engineering and advanced  
2 manufacturing.

3 SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] MILITARY PROTECTION AND GROWTH  
4 PROGRAM--DEFENSE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PROGRAM--CREATION.--

5 A. The "military protection and growth program" is  
6 created within the economic development department. The  
7 program will address emergent needs relating to base retention  
8 in relation to mission sustainment, encroachment reduction or  
9 prevention.

10 B. The "defense economic community program" is  
11 created within the economic development department. The  
12 program will assist defense-dependent municipalities to have a  
13 funding source to implement strategies recommended by the  
14 military protection and growth program.

15 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--One million dollars  
16 (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
17 national security infrastructure support fund for expenditure  
18 in fiscal year 2020 and subsequent fiscal years for the  
19 purposes of that fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
20 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the  
21 general fund.