

1 SENATE BILL 288

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO DISTRIBUTE
13 FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND STATEWIDE
14 LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT.

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

17 SECTION 1. Section 9-6-5.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2022,
18 Chapter 56, Section 1) is amended to read:

19 "9-6-5.3. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.--

20 A. The department of finance and administration
21 shall establish a program to distribute funds for local law
22 enforcement agencies to provide recruitment and retention
23 stipends to law enforcement officers. The program shall
24 establish criteria for distribution of funds appropriated for
25 that purpose, prioritizing recruitment and retention of

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1 personnel to increase investigative capacity. The program
2 shall also establish appropriate guidelines on the use of those
3 funds, including recruitment and retention stipends that may be
4 distributed to:

5 ~~[A.]~~ (1) a person who is not certified as a
6 law enforcement officer pursuant to the Law Enforcement
7 Training Act upon employment with a law enforcement agency;
8 provided that the recipient successfully obtains such
9 certification;

10 ~~[B.]~~ (2) a person who is certified as a law
11 enforcement officer pursuant to the Law Enforcement Training
12 Act upon employment with a law enforcement agency; provided
13 that the recipient remains employed with that agency for three
14 months; and

15 ~~[C.]~~ (3) a person who is certified as a law
16 enforcement officer pursuant to the Law Enforcement Training
17 Act currently employed by a law enforcement agency; provided
18 that the law enforcement officer remains employed with that law
19 enforcement officer's current agency for one additional year.

20 B. The department of finance and administration
21 shall establish a program to distribute funds to state and
22 local law enforcement agencies to prevent crime and improve
23 public safety. Law enforcement agencies may use the funds to
24 provide recruitment and retention stipends to commissioned law
25 enforcement officers or civilian personnel within the police

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1 agencies whose positions directly support commissioned police
2 officers and crime reduction efforts, including dispatchers,
3 police administrative personnel, civilian crime scene
4 technicians, evidence custodians, forensic laboratory
5 personnel, public service aides, cold case investigators,
6 investigative analysts and unmanned aerial vehicle operators."

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