

1 SENATE BILL 24

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS; REQUIRING CONTRIBUTIONS TO APPRENTICE
12 AND TRAINING PROGRAMS OR TO THE PUBLIC WORKS APPRENTICE AND
13 TRAINING FUND FOR ALL PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 13-4D-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992,
17 Chapter 74, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "13-4D-4. ADMINISTRATION.--

19 A. The Public Works Apprentice and Training Act
20 shall be administered by the workforce solutions department.
21 The department shall collect employers' contributions in
22 accordance with that act, review employers' compliance
23 statements, review certified payroll reports to verify training
24 contributions, investigate allegations of and impose penalties
25 for employer noncompliance and disburse funds as provided in

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1 Section 13-4D-5 NMSA 1978.

2 B. Public works construction projects [~~except for~~
3 ~~street, highway, bridge, road, utility or maintenance contracts~~
4 ~~with employers who elect not to participate in training~~] shall
5 not be constructed unless an employer agrees to make
6 contributions to approved apprentice and training programs in
7 New Mexico in which the employer is a participant or to the
8 public works apprentice and training fund administered by the
9 workforce solutions department. Contributions shall be made in
10 the same manner and in the same amount as apprentice and
11 training contributions required pursuant to wage rate
12 determinations made by the department.

13 C. The workforce solutions department shall adopt
14 rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of
15 the Public Works Apprentice and Training Act."