

1 SENATE BILL 435

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

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO  
12 CREATE A PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN AND AN IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM  
13 FOR MEMBERS OF INDIAN NATIONS, TRIBES AND PUEBLOS.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--One million dollars  
17 (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state  
18 department of justice for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 to  
19 facilitate the creation of a public relations campaign to  
20 apprise New Mexico residents of their rights if they are in  
21 danger of deportation or harassment by federal immigration  
22 officers. The campaign shall include the creation of an  
23 identification system for members of Indian nations, tribes and  
24 pueblos to provide verification of tribal membership, as well  
25 as a telephone hotline for verification of citizenship status.

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fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund.

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