

1 SENATE HEALTH AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
2 SENATE BILL 288

3 **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 APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
14 STATEWIDE 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--LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
20 STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT--~~[The department of finance~~
21 ~~and administration shall establish a program to distribute~~
22 ~~funds for local law enforcement agencies to provide recruitment~~
23 ~~and retention stipends to law enforcement officers. The~~
24 ~~program shall establish criteria for distribution of funds~~
25 ~~appropriated for that purpose, prioritizing recruitment and~~

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

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

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

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

19 The department of finance and administration shall establish a
20 program to distribute funds appropriated to the department for
21 law enforcement and statewide law enforcement support. The
22 department shall establish criteria for the distribution of
23 funds to state and local law enforcement agencies to prevent
24 crime and improve public safety. Law enforcement agencies may
25 use the funds for commissioned law enforcement officers or

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

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