

1 SENATE BILL 21

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO FIREFIGHTERS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
12 AND ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS
13 APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR STATEWIDE AND LOCAL
14 FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

17 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS--

18 STATEWIDE AND LOCAL FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT.--The department of
19 finance and administration shall establish a program to
20 distribute funds appropriated to the department for statewide
21 and local firefighter recruitment. The department shall
22 establish criteria for the distribution of funds to state and
23 local fire departments for firefighter recruitment. Fire
24 departments, including volunteer fire departments, may use the
25 funds to recruit firefighters who are certified and have taken

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1 the oath prescribed for firefighters and for licensed emergency
2 medical technicians.

3 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Thirty-five million dollars
4 (\$35,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
5 department of finance and administration for expenditure in
6 fiscal years 2025 through 2027 for statewide and local
7 firefighter recruitment. Any unexpended or unencumbered
8 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert
9 to the general fund.

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