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Introduced by
Representative Livingston

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of public safety; law
3 enforcement; child care; exemption

4 A. The sum of \$16,000,000 is appropriated from the federal child
5 care and development fund block grant in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the
6 department of public safety for the solicitation and award of customized
7 child care grants to benefit law enforcement agencies and law enforcement
8 officers.

9 B. The department shall award grants pursuant to title 41, chapter
10 24, Arizona Revised Statutes, to law enforcement agencies and nonprofit
11 agencies that support law enforcement agencies located in a county with a
12 population of more than three million persons for the following purposes:

13 1. Constructing child care facilities for children of law
14 enforcement officers.

15 2. Making tenant improvements to child care facilities for children
16 of law enforcement officers.

17 3. Maintaining and operating customized child care programs for
18 children of law enforcement officers.

19 C. The department shall prioritize the following factors when
20 making the grant awards:

21 1. The extent to which a grant award may assist a law enforcement
22 agency in recruiting and retaining qualified law enforcement officers to
23 address a workforce shortage.

24 2. The extent to which a grant award may improve law enforcement
25 officer wellness.

26 3. The extent to which a grant award may improve relationships
27 between a law enforcement agency and impacted communities.

28 D. The department may distribute grant award monies appropriated by
29 this section to a nonprofit agency that supports law enforcement agencies
30 only if the nonprofit agency demonstrates to the department that the
31 nonprofit agency has a commitment for at least fifty percent matching
32 monies of gifts, grants and donations for the purposes prescribed in
33 subsection B of this section from sources other than this state.

34 E. The department shall audit on a quarterly basis each law
35 enforcement agency and nonprofit agency that supports law enforcement
36 agencies that are awarded a grant pursuant to this section to ensure that
37 grant monies are used only for the purposes prescribed by this section.

38 F. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
39 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
40 to lapsing of appropriations until June 30, 2027.