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Introduced by
Representative Blackman

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-1738; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING 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. Title 41, chapter 12, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1738, to read:

4 41-1738. Law enforcement officer; mental health and wellness;
5 confidentiality; policies; annual report;
6 definition

7 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION
8 WITH THE ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD, SHALL
9 ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS
10 PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES ACCESS TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
11 OFFICERS IN THIS STATE:

- 12 1. CONFIDENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING.
- 13 2. CRISIS COUNSELING.
- 14 3. PEER SUPPORT COUNSELING.
- 15 4. FAMILY SUPPORT COUNSELING.
- 16 5. SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNSELING AND TRAINING.
- 17 6. TELEHEALTH FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN RURAL AREAS.
- 18 7. ANY OTHER SUPPORT SYSTEMS.

19 B. ANY SUPPORT COMMUNICATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL REMAIN
20 CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS NOT
21 PRESENT AT THE SUPPORT COUNSELING SESSION.

22 C. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT AND USE FEDERAL MONIES, GRANTS, GIFTS,
23 DONATIONS AND ANY FUNDING AVAILABLE UNDER THE LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL
24 HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT OF 2017 (P.L. 115-113; 131 STAT. 2276) FOR THE
25 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

26 D. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
27 FOR THE PROGRAM. ALL PROCEEDINGS, RECORDS, OPINIONS, CONCLUSIONS AND
28 RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM ANY ASPECT OF THE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS
29 SECTION ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED FROM DISCLOSURE.

30 E. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM
31 MUST PRIORITIZE PROVIDING SUPPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THIS
32 STATE WITH TWO HUNDRED OR FEWER SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

33 F. BEGINNING DECEMBER 31, 2027 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
34 DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF
35 THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE NUMBER
36 OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE PROGRAM AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS
37 REGARDING PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS.

38 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS
39 A MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, A COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, A PUBLICLY
40 FUNDED LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

41 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of public safety; law
42 enforcement officer mental health and wellness
43 program; exemption

44 A. The sum of \$15,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
45 fund in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of public safety for the

1 law enforcement officer mental health and wellness program established
2 pursuant to section 41-1738, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this
3 act.

4 B. Of the monies appropriated pursuant to subsection A of this
5 section, \$5,000,000 shall be used to implement the law enforcement officer
6 mental health and wellness program established by section 41-1738, Arizona
7 Revised Statutes, as added by this act, for law enforcement agencies that
8 have two hundred or fewer sworn law enforcement officers.

9 C. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
10 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
11 to lapsing of appropriations.

12 Sec. 3. Legislative intent

13 The legislature intends to strengthen public safety, reduce officer
14 suicide and burnout and improve recruitment and retention, while
15 preserving officer privacy and ensuring fiscal responsibility in this
16 state.