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SENATE BILL 231

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO
MODERNIZE AND UPDATE LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY AND EVIDENCE
KEEPING AND ASSISTING STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES IN SHARING INFORMATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. One hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of public safety for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 to provide grants to county and municipal law enforcement entities for the following:

- (1) system upgrades that achieve interoperability of state, county and municipal systems, including computer-aided dispatch systems, laboratory

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1 information management systems, records management systems and
2 video monitoring systems;

3 (2) real-time communication crime reporting
4 among county and municipal law enforcement entities; and

5 (3) modernization of evidence storage and
6 handling in accordance with best practices.

7 B. The department of public safety shall consult
8 with the department of information technology in determining
9 the appropriateness of providing grants to county and municipal
10 law enforcement entities.

11 C. Grants provided by the department of public
12 safety pursuant to Subsection A of this section shall not
13 exceed fifty percent of the costs of the projects enumerated in
14 Paragraphs (1) through (3) of Subsection A.

15 D. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
16 at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general
17 fund.