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# HOUSE BILL 2704

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 41-1735; 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 41-1735, to read:  
4 41-1735. Exploitation at the border fund  
5 THE EXPLOITATION AT THE BORDER FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF  
6 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE  
7 FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED. THE DEPARTMENT  
8 SHALL DISTRIBUTE MONIES IN THE FUND TO SHERIFFS AND OTHER LOCAL LAW  
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN BORDER COUNTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:  
10 1. TO PAY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROSECUTING AND DETAINING  
11 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CHARGED WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING, HUMAN SMUGGLING,  
12 ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND OTHER BORDER-RELATED CRIMES.  
13 2. TO FUND SWORN PEACE OFFICERS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN ANY OF THE  
14 FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:  
15 (a) DISRUPTING AND DISMANTLING TRANSITIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS.  
16 (b) INCREASING COLLABORATION ACROSS STATE LINES TO ADDRESS CRIMINAL  
17 BORDER ACTIVITY.  
18 (c) IMPROVING INTELLIGENCE.  
19 (d) INVESTING IN THE ANALYSIS OF BORDER-RELATED CROSSINGS AND  
20 CRIMES.  
21 (e) COMBATING HUMAN SMUGGLING.  
22 (f) COMBATING DRUG TRAFFICKING.  
23 Sec. 2. Appropriation; exploitation at the border fund;  
24 exemption  
25 A. The sum of \$43,000,000 is appropriated from the state general  
26 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the exploitation at the border fund  
27 established by section 41-1735, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this  
28 act.  
29 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
30 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating  
31 to lapsing of appropriations.  
32 Sec. 3. Short title  
33 This act may be cited as the "Securing Arizona Families From  
34 Exploitation At The Border Act".