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Introduced by
Representatives Biasiucci: Martinez, Wilmeth

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".