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~~full-service crime labs; funding~~  
(now: full-service crime labs; funding; appropriation)

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# SENATE BILL 1055

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-1730, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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. Section 41-1730, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 41-1730. Department of public safety forensics fund;  
5 purposes; distributions; definition

6 A. The department of public safety forensics fund is established.  
7 The department shall administer the fund. Monies in the fund are subject  
8 to legislative appropriation. The department of public safety forensics  
9 fund consists of the following:

10 1. Monies deposited pursuant to section 12-116.01, subsection J.

11 2. Monies deposited pursuant to section 41-2401, subsection D,  
12 paragraphs 1 and 10.

13 3. Surcharge monies deposited pursuant to section 28-3396.

14 4. Monies contributed to the fund from any other source.

15 B. Monies in the department of public safety forensics fund shall  
16 be used for the following purposes:

17 1. Purchasing and installing fingerprint identification equipment.

18 2. Operating, maintaining and administering the Arizona automated  
19 fingerprint identification system and the system's remote terminals.

20 3. Crime laboratory operations and enhanced services.

21 4. Educating and training forensic scientists who are regularly  
22 employed in a crime laboratory.

23 5. Purchasing and maintaining scientific equipment for crime  
24 laboratory use.

25 6. Implementing, operating and maintaining deoxyribonucleic acid  
26 testing and administering the Arizona deoxyribonucleic acid identification  
27 system.

28 C. On a quarterly basis, the department of public safety shall  
29 allocate and distribute the monies in the department of public safety  
30 forensics fund that are collected pursuant to section 12-116.01 and  
31 deposited pursuant to section 41-2401, subsection D, paragraph 10 **TO EACH**  
32 **FULL-SERVICE CRIME LABORATORY**. ~~The department may use fifty-five percent~~  
33 ~~of the monies for the purposes prescribed in subsection B of this section~~  
34 ~~and shall distribute the remaining monies to political subdivisions that~~  
35 ~~operate a crime laboratory as follows:~~

36 ~~1. Twenty-two percent to the Phoenix police department.~~

37 ~~2. Twelve percent to the Tucson police department.~~

38 ~~3. Seven percent to the Mesa police department.~~

39 ~~4. Four percent to the Scottsdale police department.~~

40 D. The distribution of monies pursuant to subsection C of this  
41 section ~~may be adjusted~~ **SHALL BE DETERMINED** annually, ~~if appropriate,~~  
42 based on ~~the crime laboratory services provided and the percentage of the~~  
43 ~~state population served by each crime laboratory~~ **THE PROPORTION OF GROUP A**  
44 **AND GROUP B CRIMES REPORTED TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S**  
45 **NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM FOR THE MOST RECENT YEAR FOR THE**

1 JURISDICTION OR JURISDICTIONS WHERE EACH FULL-SERVICE CRIME LABORATORY  
2 PROVIDES FULL SERVICE CRIME LAB SERVICES IN RELATION TO THE TOTAL NUMBER  
3 REPORTED IN ALL JURISDICTIONS IN THIS STATE. ~~The crime laboratory~~  
4 ~~directors of the political subdivisions providing crime laboratory~~  
5 ~~services in this state must agree on the distribution formula and~~  
6 ~~allocation.~~ The minimum allocation for a political subdivision that  
7 provides FULL-SERVICE crime laboratory services is four percent.

8 E. For the purposes of ~~subsections C and D~~ of this section,  
9 "FULL-SERVICE crime laboratory" means a laboratory that meets all of the  
10 following:

11 1. Is operated by a CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY OF THE STATE OR A  
12 political subdivision.

13 2. Has at least one ~~regularly employed~~ FULL-TIME forensic scientist  
14 who holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a physical or natural  
15 science.

16 3. Is registered as an analytical laboratory with the drug  
17 enforcement administration of the United States department of justice for  
18 the possession of all scheduled controlled substances.

19 4. IS ACCREDITED BY AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES ACCREDITATION  
20 BASED ON THE INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION COOPERATION G19 AND  
21 STANDARD ISO/IEC 17025 OR STANDARD ISO/IEC 17020 OR ANY RELEVANT FIELD  
22 SPECIFIC STANDARDS.

23 5. PROVIDES A MINIMUM OF SIX FORENSIC DISCIPLINES IN THE FOLLOWING  
24 AREAS, AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH MUST BE DNA, DIGITAL FORENSICS OR DRUG  
25 TOXICOLOGY:

- 26 (a) TRACE EVIDENCE.
- 27 (b) BLOOD AND BREATH ALCOHOL.
- 28 (c) FIREARMS AND TOOLMARKS.
- 29 (d) CRIME SCENE PROCESSING.
- 30 (e) LATENT PRINT COMPARISONS.
- 31 (f) SEIZED DRUGS.
- 32 (g) DNA.
- 33 (h) DIGITAL FORENSICS.
- 34 (i) DRUG TOXICOLOGY.

35 Sec. 2. Appropriations; department of public safety forensics  
36 fund; crime lab; exemption

37 A. The sum of \$700,000 is appropriated from the state general fund  
38 in each of fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 to the  
39 department of public safety forensics fund established by section 41-1730,  
40 Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act. The department of  
41 public safety must distribute the monies pursuant to section 41-1730,  
42 subsection D, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act.

43 B. The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the state general fund  
44 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the department of public safety for crime lab

1 services pursuant to section 41-1730, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended  
2 by this act.

3 C. The appropriations made in subsections A and B of this section  
4 are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised  
5 Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations, except that any monies  
6 remaining unexpended and unencumbered on December 31, 2026 revert to the  
7 state general fund.