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HOUSE BILL 2769

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES 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. Appropriation; department of public safety; law
3 enforcement; child care; exemption

4 A. The sum of \$16,000,000 is appropriated from the federal child
5 care and development fund block grant in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the
6 department of public safety for the solicitation and award of customized
7 child care grants to benefit law enforcement agencies and law enforcement
8 officers. The department may use up to \$75,000 to administer grants under
9 this section.

10 B. The department shall award grants pursuant to title 41, chapter
11 24, Arizona Revised Statutes, to law enforcement agencies and nonprofit
12 agencies that support law enforcement agencies located in a county with a
13 population of more than three million persons for the following purposes,
14 as allowed by federal law:

15 1. Constructing child care facilities for children of law
16 enforcement officers.

17 2. Making tenant improvements to child care facilities for children
18 of law enforcement officers.

19 3. Maintaining and operating customized child care programs for
20 children of law enforcement officers.

21 C. The department shall prioritize the following factors when
22 making the grant awards:

23 1. The extent to which a grant award may assist a law enforcement
24 agency in recruiting and retaining qualified law enforcement officers to
25 address a workforce shortage.

26 2. The extent to which a grant award may improve law enforcement
27 officer wellness.

28 3. The extent to which a grant award may improve relationships
29 between a law enforcement agency and impacted communities.

30 D. The department may distribute grant award monies appropriated by
31 this section to a nonprofit agency that supports law enforcement agencies
32 only if the nonprofit agency demonstrates to the department that the
33 nonprofit agency has a commitment for at least fifty percent matching
34 monies of gifts, grants and donations for the purposes prescribed in
35 subsection B of this section from sources other than this state.

36 E. The department shall audit on a quarterly basis each law
37 enforcement agency and nonprofit agency that supports law enforcement
38 agencies that are awarded a grant pursuant to this section to ensure that
39 grant monies are used only for the purposes prescribed by this section.

40 F. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
41 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
42 to lapsing of appropriations until June 30, 2027.