

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill



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Passed by: Committee House Senate Governor

Tabled by: Committee House Senate Governor

Other: Vetoed by Governor

Simple Title of Bill: MAKING AN APPROPRIATION for the Civil Servant Service Appreciation

Voucher

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE SERVICE OF CIVIL SERVANTS IN NEW MEXICO AND THEIR

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SERVICE TO THE STATE. THIS BILL WILL PROVIDE A VOUCHER FOR THOSE

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CAREER SERVANTS WHO PROVIDE COMMITTED SERVICE IN THOSE FIELDS

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DEFINED BELOW AS CIVIL SERVANT RELATED, TO REDEEM FOR USE IN

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REDUCING STUDENT LOAN DEBT OR ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT OR

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RETIREMENT FUNDS.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW
2 MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

3 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. - The term civil servant related refers to those employees of
4 the state who work toward improvement of the civil quality in their respective communities
5 (first responders, teachers, public officials, elected officials, and nurses}.

6 SECTION 2. PROVISIONS. - Civil servants provide invaluable service to communities with
7 little professional recognition and limited financial compensation; they work long hours and
8 humbly dedicate themselves to the communities they serve. These people are the
9 foundation that the success and growth of our state rely upon. The reality is that these
10 servants often struggle to meet the minimum financial responsibilities of providing for their
11 families because their salaries are so narrowly limiting. This bill will provide this targeted
12 group of citizens with a show of respect by offering an incentive to continue to provide
13 service to their communities through the award of a service voucher that can be redeemed
14 for compensation in the area (federal/state student loan debt reduction, state approved
15 investment funds and/or retirement funds) they choose upon completion of 10 consecutive
16 years of service in a community within the state of New Mexico and is redeemable for each
17 year of continued consecutive service in a New Mexico community thereafter.

18 SECTION 3. PENALTY. -

19 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. - MAKING AN APPROPRIATION for the Civil Servant
20 Service Appreciation Voucher, be it considered that monies to support the creation of an
21 established and lifetime state fund to support this voucher will be appropriated from a newly
22 created statewide tax on alcohol/tobacco sales and gun sales respectively not to exceed 2%
23 in taxable sales total between both categories; the products sold from those purchases are
24 the most likely to result in the purchaser needing/receiving services from a civil servant.
25 The monies garnered from this tax will be used to create and fund an account

1 to support a voucher program for civil service employees to redeem and appropriate in one
2 of three designated areas: student loan debt reduction, investment funding, retirement
3 funding.

4 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New
5 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

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7 This act shall become effective 90 days after its passage and approval by the American
8 Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State Governor or its otherwise becoming a law.