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Senator Burt's Fire Protection Fund Signed Into Law

Santa Fe- Wednesday, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham announced she had signed Senate Bill 256 Fire Protection Fund into law. The bill, sponsored by **Senator William Burt** (District 33 - Chaves, Lincoln & Otero), preserves the annually allocated funds in the Fire Protection Grant Fund. In the past, the legislature or administration would raid the fund for other pet projects. This simple but important fix ensures fire and rescue departments statewide have access to a pool of money for improving equipment, purchase of new equipment, training and retention projects.

“This legislation codifies our commitment to supporting first responders in our state,” said **Senator Burt**. “Simply put—funding for fire and rescue saves lives. This bill ensures our hard working fire and rescue crews have continued access to grant funds for the life saving tools they need to do their jobs. I’m grateful that Governor Lujan Grisham recognizes the importance of keeping this fund protected and has signed this legislation into law.”

The bill goes into effect 90 days after it’s signing.

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