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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: Senate Memorial 20

SHORT TITLE: Statewide Youth Violence Summit

SPONSOR: Lopez/Pope/O'Malley/Jaramillo/Pinto

LAST UPDATE: _____ **ORIGINAL DATE:** 2/6/2026 **ANALYST:** Hilla

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
DOH	Indeterminate but minimal	Indeterminate but minimal	No fiscal impact		Nonrecurring	General Fund
Total	Indeterminate but minimal	Indeterminate but minimal	No fiscal impact		Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis

Public Defender Department

Health Care Authority

Agency or Agencies That Were Asked for Analysis but did not Respond

Public Education Department

Children, Youth and Families Department

Agency or Agencies That Declined to Respond

Department of Health

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Memorial 20

Senate Memorial 20 (SM20) tasks the Department of Health (DOH) to convene a statewide youth violence summit to develop a comprehensive statewide approach to mitigate youth violence. DOH is tasked with creating a planning group consisting of itself, the Children, Youth and Families Department, the Health Care Authority (HCA), the Public Education Department, and the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys, and the Chief Public Defender, as well

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as DOH appointed members to represent state and local law enforcement and the children's court. DOH is requested to write a final report on the findings and recommendations of the youth violence summit, including recommendations for legislation to implement a comprehensive statewide approach to mitigate youth violence. The report is required by November 1, 2026.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which is May 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Memorials do not contain appropriations and are not enforceable as state law. The study requested in this memorial is within the normal operations of the agencies involved and is unlikely to result in significant costs

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

As noted by the Public Defender Department, punitive responses to youth crime have little deterrent effect and can be linked to increased likelihood of adult criminal behaviors. A prevention-based approach including intervention could provide meaningful impacts to reduce juvenile antisocial behavior and ultimately criminal behavior.

As noted by the Health Care Authority, there is no specific representation from the courts or New Mexico pueblos, tribes or nations.

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