

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/20/26

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB60Original Correction Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: A. Reeb, N. Chavez, W.
 Hall
 Short: Crimes Against Peace Officer
 Title: Definitions

Agency Nameand Code NMCVRC/78000**Number:****Person Writing** Frank Zubia**Phone:** 505-553-1223 **Email** Frank.zubia@cvrc.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

The bill would add clarifying language specifying the section's applicability to: negligent arson victims who suffered bodily harm, both voluntary and involuntary manslaughter victims' survivors, and modifying the use of the word "abandonment" to clarify that child abandonment is the crime referenced in the bill. The bill also makes a grammatical edit eliminating the use of the word "a" as a grammatical article.

The most substantive changes are the additions of three crimes perpetrated against peace officers to the list of crimes in the Victims of Crime Act: aggravated assault, assault, and battery. The significance of the addition of these crimes is that the bill would confer legal rights on peace officer crime victims, such as the right to be present in court at all legal proceedings, and the right to receive notification of events in the cases in which they are victims. As a matter of practice, NM Crime Victims Reparations Commission (CVRC) already provides victim compensation assistance to injured peace officers since the compensation statutes do not foreclose this aid and CVRC's mission is to serve all crime victims.

Synopsis: The bill makes some language edits to existing law and provides crime victim legal rights to peace officers who are victims of Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer, Assault on a Peace Officer, and Battery on a Peace Officer.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None to CVRC

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None noted.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None Noted.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None noted.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None noted.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None noted.

ALTERNATIVES

None noted.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Officers would not uniformly be afforded the same legal rights as other crime victims.

AMENDMENTS

None suggested.