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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://agencyanalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov****(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)****SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}***Date Prepared:** January 21, 2026*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** HB 91Original ☒ Correction ☐Amendment ☐ Substitute ☐**Agency Name
and Code****Sponsor:** Matthews**Number:** NM Sentencing Commission – 354**Short** Redact Change of Cause of**Person Writing** Keri Thiel**Title:** Death Notification**Phone:** 505-259-8763 **Email** kthiel@unm.edu**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY26 | FY27 | | |
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REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

| Estimated Revenue | | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------------------|------|------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| FY26 | FY27 | FY28 | | |
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(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 | | | | | | |

(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

Synopsis:

House Bill 91 would amend Section 14-2-1.2 NMSA 1978, regarding law enforcement records as public records, to provide that visual or audio depiction of the notification to a member of the public that the cause of death of their family member has been changed may be redacted from public records. HB 91 allows that the visual or audio depiction of that notification may remain unredacted if permission is given by the person who received the notification.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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

The exception proposed by HB 91 is very similar to the existing exception for visual or audio depictions of a member of the public being informed of a family member's death. The exception proposed by HB 91 would likely serve the same policy purpose of avoiding the (arguably) unnecessary public disclosure of a likely difficult or painful personal moment for the person receiving the notification.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS