

LFC Requester:

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### AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

#### SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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

**Date Prepared:** 1/27/2026

*Check all that apply:*

**Bill Number:** HB 156

Original  Correction   
Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Reps. Dayan Hochman-Vigil;  
Elizabeth Thomson

**Agency Name and Code Number:** 305 – New Mexico  
Department of Justice

**Short Title:** Repeal Special Session  
Vaccination Laws

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#### SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

##### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

##### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

#### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

This bill contains a single section that repeals certain session laws from the first special legislative session of 2025 that were set to become effective on July 1, 2026.

In 2025, the first seven sections of Chapter 5 of New Mexico Laws of 2025 (1st Spec. Sess.) (S.B. 3) updated language in Chapter 24 and Chapter 59A of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978 and responded to changes within the United States Department of Health and Humans Services by no longer requiring the Public Health Division of the New Mexico Department of Health to conform its rules and regulations to the recommendations of the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Instead, the New Mexico division was instructed to follow the guidance of various other institutions such as the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Chapter 5, Sections 8-13 of New Mexico Laws of 2025 (1st Spec. Sess.) (S.B. 3) were delayed by Section 14 to come into effect on July 1, 2026, and would effectively serve as sunset provisions for the first seven sections. Sections 8-13 would revert language back to pre-2025 text, with the exception of updates to non-substantive language, such as changing text to be gender-neutral.

Therefore, this bill effectively would maintain the current status quo in New Mexico in relation to vaccination guidelines, and continue to have our Public Health Division conform to guidelines from institutions other than the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

N/A

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

N/A

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

N/A

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

New Mexico's Public Health Division would revert back to conforming with federal guidelines, causing significant changes to vaccination standards in the State.

**AMENDMENTS**

N/A