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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_ *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HM065 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

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<b>Short Title:</b>	<u>HEALTH &amp; FIREARM SAFETY TASK FORCE</u>	<b>Person Writing Phone:</b>	<u>Kathleen Hardy 505-660-8508</u>
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

**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)**

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

### **BILL SUMMARY**

This memorial requests that the New Mexico Department of Health, in collaboration with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, convene a task force to research firearm safety and public health policies and make recommendations to reduce firearm violence in New Mexico.

The memorial asks that the task force review firearm licensing laws; policies on semiautomatic firearms and large-capacity magazines; potential firearm prohibitions, including for individuals with prior DWI convictions; alignment of state and federal felon-in-possession laws; retail licensing considerations; and toxicology factors in gun violence.

The memorial further requests that task force membership include representatives from the Department of Health; the Department of Public Safety; health care entities and hospitals; the Children, Youth and Families Department; the Public Education Department; the New Mexico School Boards Association; community and prevention stakeholders; the Administrative Office of the Courts; police chiefs of Albuquerque, Las Cruces or Santa Fe; the Albuquerque Community Safety Department; Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America; and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos in New Mexico

Finally, the task force is asked to report its findings and recommendations to relevant interim legislative committees by September 15, 2026.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD participation on the task force will be absorbed by existing resources.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Youth gun violence continues to be a significant concern for the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department Juvenile Justice Services Division.

During calendar year 2024, a total of 328 youth were detained for firearm-involved delinquent acts. During calendar year 2025, that number increased to 382 youth.

These data do not reflect youth in possession of, or with access to, firearms who were not detained. During this same period, 66 youth were arrested for firearm-involved delinquent activity but they were not referred for detention by law enforcement. Additionally, 21 youth were arrested for firearm-involved delinquent activity and detention was approved, but no detention bed was available.

Inconsistent law enforcement responses and the lack of available detention bed space statewide further exacerbate the issue.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD has performance measures concerning juveniles which may be affected by this study.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD participation on the task force will be absorbed by existing resources.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Related to SM020

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None identified.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None identified.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None proposed.

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

Status quo.

**AMENDMENTS**

None proposed.