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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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Date Prepared: 2/9/26 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 50 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Maestas, Brantley, Herndon, Chavez **Agency Name and Code** 995 NMC
Short Title: Law Enforcement Training Requirements **Number:** _____
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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
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:

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMC supports this bill because it will allow the law enforcement professionals on the Standards and Training Council to develop and determine contemporary training based on existing needs. Statutory requirements are rigid, rarely change and are oblivious to evolving criminal activities and changing conditions

Statutory Framework and Mission (NMSA § 29-7-3; § 29-7-4)

- The Council is established by statute to oversee statewide standards for law enforcement training and performance.
- Its core mission includes developing training requirements, performance standards, and policies that professionalize and standardize law enforcement practices across New Mexico.
- Governance and duties under § 29-7-3 and § 29-7-4 establish the Council as the central policymaking body for law enforcement and public safety telecommunicators training, ensuring consistency, quality, and accountability in basic, “**in-service**”, and specialized training.

2. Division of Rulemaking Authority: Council and Certification Board (NMSA § 29-7-4 & 29-7-4.3)

- New Mexico employs a bifurcated regulatory structure separating:
 - The **Council’s** authority over training standards, curricula, academy governance, and program approvals; and
 - The **Law Enforcement Certification Board’s** authority over officer certification, decertification, and related disciplinary adjudications.
- This division ensures checks and balances: the Council sets the “how” of training and standards, while the Certification Board adjudicates individual credentialing and discipline, each acting within distinct statutory mandates under § 29-7-4 and § 29-7-4.3.

3. Broad Rulemaking Authority (N.M. Stat. Ann. § 29-7-4)

- The Council possesses broad rulemaking powers to adopt, amend, and repeal rules that implement statewide training and performance standards.
- Its authority expressly extends to adopting rules applicable to multiple sections of New Mexico statutes governing law enforcement practices, training curricula, certification prerequisites, **in-service** requirements, and compliance mechanisms.
- This breadth enables timely updates to standards in response to emerging best practices, technology, and public safety needs.

4. Operational Responsibilities and Enforcement (N.M. Stat. Ann. § 29-13-6)

- The Council's standards are backed by enforcement mechanisms that promote compliance by law enforcement agencies.
- Under § 29-13-6, distributions may be withheld from non-compliant agencies, ensuring adherence to statewide training and reporting requirements and reinforcing the integrity of the standards framework.

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