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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:** 1/28/26 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB167 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Antonio Maestas **Agency Name and Code Number:** 770- NMCD  
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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>	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A

(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: Senate Bill 167 doubles the potential prison sentence for being convicted of unlawfully carrying a deadly weapon at a school.

Existing law makes it a fourth-degree felony to carry a deadly weapon on school grounds, which carries an 18-month prison sentence. It defines a deadly weapon as a loaded or unloaded gun or any weapon that could be used to inflict death or great bodily harm such as knives, brass knuckles, slingshots or bludgeons.

SB167 makes this crime a third-degree felony which carries a three-year sentence.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

SB167 increases the penalty for unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon on school premises from a fourth-degree felony to a third-degree felony. Over time, this may result in longer periods of incarceration for affected individuals and could modestly increase average length of stay within NMCD. Any fiscal impact is expected to be incremental and gradual.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The bill aims to increase penalties for unlawfully carrying a deadly weapon at a school. Doubling the potential prison sentence increases consequences for bringing a deadly weapon onto school grounds. Harsher penalties would emphasize the state's interest in maintaining weapon-free school zones, which reduce the risk of violent incidents and improve overall safety for students, educators, and school personnel.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None

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

None

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None

### **ALTERNATIVES**

None

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

None

### **AMENDMENTS**

None