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**PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
BILL ANALYSIS
2026 REGULAR SESSION**

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Check all that apply:

Original Amendment
Correction Substitute

Date Prepared: February 5 2026

Bill No: SM20

Committee Referrals: SRC/SHPAC

Sponsor: Lopez / Pope / O'Malley / Jaramillo / Pinto

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY27	FY28		
None	None	N/A	NFA

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY27	FY28	FY29		
None	None	None	N/A	NFA

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY27	FY28	FY29	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	None	None	None	N/A	N/A	NFA

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None as of 2/6/26.

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Memorial 20 (SM20) would request the Department of Health (DOH) to convene a statewide youth violence summit to develop a statewide approach to mitigate youth violence. It would request the DOH to write a final report detailing recommendations for future policy and budgetary supports to be presented to legislative interim committees. The Public Education Department (PED) would be requested to participate in the summit's planning group, which would develop an agenda for the summit to include speakers and facilitators, educational and problem-solving panels, plenary sessions, and advertising for the event.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill does not contain an appropriation.

Notably, the memorial does not contain any funding for planning costs, travel, a venue for the summit, nor speakers. The memorial does not specify an agency that would be responsible for covering these and any other associated costs from their budget.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SM20 would request that the goals of the youth violence summit include disseminating research and best practices on youth violence prevention and intervention, disseminating examples of successful programs throughout New Mexico and other states, understanding youth violence data, and identifying promising approaches and gaps in current strategies in New Mexico. SM20 would request participants at the summit to then use the shared information to develop recommendations for a statewide vision for youth violence prevention and intervention, strategies for scaling promising approaches, strategies for strengthening data collection and reporting, training and technical assistance, and a vision and plan for a statewide office to oversee mitigation efforts.

[House Bill 2](#) includes an appropriation of \$200,500 to the PED for regional and statewide school safety summits. The New Mexico Safe School Summit, supported by this appropriation, has run annually from 2023-2025 as an opportunity for educators, school administrators, mental and behavioral health providers, school resource offices, crisis teams, behavioral threat assessment teams, safety teams, community leaders, and others to strengthen prevention, preparedness, and response strategies for New Mexico schools. The youth violence summit requested in SM20 would be a different summit involving and run by separate agencies but may have some overlap in the areas of keeping students safe from violence.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

It is well documented that unsafe conditions or the perception of unsafe conditions can be associated with mental health issues and poor academic achievement for students in school. [Lepore and Klierer](#) found that peer victimization and violence was associated with lower grade point averages and sleep problems among students. A [2021 study](#) of Chilean students showed a correlation between all types of school violence and negative academic performance outcomes. The study showed some effective remedies for the negative effect of exposure to violence on students include student self-efficacy, clear educational expectations, and satisfaction with

interpersonal relations with teachers. While the most effective remedy to these negative effects would be to reduce rates of violence, as would be the goal of the summit, it may be worthwhile to discuss supports for children who are not perpetrators but are nonetheless exposed to violence.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

SM20 would request the DOH to create a planning group to develop the agenda for the summit. The planning group would consist of representatives from the Children, Youth, and Families Department, the Health Care Authority, the Public Education Department, the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys, the chief public defender, members appointed by the secretary of health to represent law enforcement agencies, the children's court, community-based organizations that focus on helping troubled youth, and youth and families with lived experience with the juvenile justice system. Outside of planning the agenda, the rest of the administrative burden of facilitating the summit would fall to the DOH.

One of the requested goals of the summit would be to develop a vision and plan for a statewide office to oversee and support efforts to mitigate youth violence. The memorial does not give a recommendation as to where the office would reside, only that a vision and plan should be developed.

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.