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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

Date Prepared: 17 February 2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SM 28 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Pinto **Agency Name and Code Number:** New Mexico Sentencing Commission (354)
Short Title: Study Gun Violence **Person Writing:** Douglas Carver
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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:

SM 28 creates a task force, convened under the Crime Victims Reparation Commission, to study gun violence. The task force is to be composed of representatives of the CVRC, PED, HED, DPS, DOH, HCA, CYFD, Game & Fish, UNM, Indian nations, tribes and pueblos of New Mexico, pueblo law enforcement and federal and local law enforcement agencies, gun advocates and distributors and anti-domestic violence and sexual assault groups. The task force is to address the following:

- study the root causes and contributing factors of gun violence in New Mexico and identify evidence-based strategies and policies that can effectively reduce the incidence of gun violence in the state;
- examine current state and federal laws related to gun ownership, possession and use and to recommend measures that can enhance public safety while respecting the second amendment rights of law-abiding citizens;
- examine ways to promote public education and awareness about the risks of gun violence and the importance of responsible gun ownership and storage; and
- engage with community leaders, law enforcement officials, health care professionals and other stakeholders to develop and implement effective strategies and policies to prevent gun violence and enhance public safety.

Findings of the task force are to be reported to the interim Courts, Corrections, and Justice Committee, the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee, and the Governor.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

It was perhaps an oversight that the New Mexico Sentencing Commission is not mentioned in the memorial. The NMSC's mission is to provide impartial information, analysis, recommendations, and assistance from a coordinated cross-agency perspective with an emphasis on maintaining public safety and making the best use of the state's criminal and juvenile justice resources. The 27 members of the NMSC collectively represent years of experience that could be drawn upon by the task force, and the NMSC would undoubtedly be called upon to provide information for the task force.

The Sentencing Commission recently published its Select Crimes Issues Paper on Weapons Offenses. The data in this report might be instructive to the task force. The paper will be updated in the coming year with FY2025 numbers. The report is available here:

<https://nmsc.unm.edu/reports/2025/select-crimes-issue-paper-weapons-offenses-fy2024.pdf>

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