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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:** SM028 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** S Pinto, H Pope, LM Lopez **Agency Name and Code** CYFD - 690  
**Short** STUDY GUN VIOLENCE **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
<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**

Synopsis: This memorial asks the Crime Victims Reparation Commission to convene a statewide crime prevention task force to study the issue of gun violence in New Mexico and to make recommendations for addressing the issue. The memorial asks that the task force undertake 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.

The memorial asks that the task force include representatives of the Crime Victims Reparation Commission, the Public Education Department, the Higher Education Department, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Health, the Health Care Authority, the Children, Youth and Families Department, the Department of Game and Fish, the university of New Mexico, 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.

Finally, the memorial asks that the statewide crime prevention task force be requested to report its findings and conclusions to the interim committee dealing with courts, corrections and justice issues, the legislative health and human services committee and the governor. There is no date attached to this request.

### **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, HM065

**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.