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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](http://AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to [billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov](mailto: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: 2/17/26

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SM28Original  Correction Amendment  Substitute Sponsor: S. Pinto, L. Lopez & H. PopeShort Study Gun Violence

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name

and Code

NMCVRC/78000

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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| Appropriation |       | Recurring<br>or Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|---------------|-------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY26          | FY27  |                              |                  |
| N/A           | \$150 | Non-recurring                | General Fund     |
|               |       |                              |                  |

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

| Estimated Revenue |      |      | Recurring<br>or<br>Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|-------------------|------|------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| FY26              | FY27 | FY28 |                                 |                  |
| N/A               | N/A  | N/A  | N/A                             | N/A              |
|                   |      |      |                                 |                  |

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

|              | FY26 | FY27  | FY28 | 3 Year<br>Total Cost | Recurring or<br>Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|--------------|------|-------|------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total</b> | 0    | \$150 | 0    | 0                    | Nonrecurring                 | General<br>Fund  |

(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**

The proposal requests that the Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC) convene a statewide crime prevention task force to study gun violence and make recommendations to address the issue. CVRC administers state and federal funds to support direct victim services and provides financial compensation to eligible victims of crime. The requested task force duties are prevention-focused, not victim-services-focused, and fall outside CVRC's statutory mission and program scope. No appropriation is included to support the proposed activity.

#### **Synopsis:**

The measure directs CVRC to convene and support a statewide task force to study gun violence and develop prevention recommendations. Duties would include stakeholder coordination, subject-matter review, and formal reporting. The proposal does not include funding, staffing authorization, or implementation structure.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No appropriation is included to support the creation or administration of the proposed task force. Implementation would therefore create an unfunded mandate for CVRC. Anticipated costs would include:

- Personnel time for task force coordination, research support, reporting, and stakeholder engagement
- Administrative and operational costs (meetings, travel, materials, data analysis, and reporting)
- Potential need for new FTE or contracted subject-matter experts in prevention and public health research

Absent new funding, these responsibilities would divert limited staff and administrative resources away from CVRC's core functions: processing victim compensation claims and administering and monitoring state and federally funded victim service grants. This could result in slower claims processing times, reduced grant oversight capacity, and diminished service delivery support for crime victims.

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**

The proposed task force is prevention- and public health-oriented rather than victim compensation or victim services-oriented. Crime prevention and gun violence prevention initiatives are more closely aligned with the mission, expertise, and existing program structure of the New Mexico Department of Health and other public safety or research agencies.

Assigning prevention research and task force leadership to CVRC represents a significant expansion beyond current statutory purpose and operational expertise.

CVRC's core statutory responsibilities are:

- Administration of victim compensation benefits
- Oversight and distribution of state and federal victim services grant funds
- Compliance and monitoring tied to federal victim assistance funding

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None noted.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Administrative impacts include:

- Need for dedicated project management and interagency coordination
- Development of new procedures outside existing program structure
- Additional reporting and documentation workload
- Possible need for new FTE or contracted expertise in prevention research and policy analysis
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These responsibilities are not currently supported by CVRC staffing models or operational design.

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

The proposed duties may duplicate or overlap with prevention, epidemiological, and violence reduction efforts more appropriately housed in public health or public safety agencies.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

- The request does not define funding, staffing authority, reporting deadlines, or task force composition.
- The proposal does not reference CVRC's statutory authority or expand it to include prevention task force leadership.
- Clarification would be needed regarding allowable funding sources and interagency roles.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Gun violence prevention is primarily a prevention and public health policy area rather than a victim compensation function. Locating the task force within an agency whose mission is direct victim assistance and compensation may reduce effectiveness and create mission drift.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Consider assigning task force leadership to a prevention- or public health-focused agency, with CVRC participating as a subject-matter contributor regarding victim impact and compensation systems, rather than as the convening authority.

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

None suggested.

## **AMENDMENTS**

None suggested.