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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: Senate Memorial 20/aSHPAC

SHORT TITLE: Statewide Youth Violence Summit

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

LAST ORIGINAL
UPDATE: 2/18/2026 **DATE:** 2/6/2026 **ANALYST:** Hilla/Weaver

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

| Agency/Program | FY26 | FY27 | FY28 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| DOH | Indeterminate but minimal | Indeterminate but minimal | No fiscal impact | | Nonrecurring | General Fund |
| Total | Indeterminate but minimal | Indeterminate but minimal | No fiscal impact | | Nonrecurring | General Fund |

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.
*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis

Public Defender Department
Health Care Authority

Agency or Agencies That Were Asked for Analysis but did not Respond

Public Education Department
Children, Youth and Families Department

Agency or Agencies That Declined to Respond

Department of Health
Administrative Office of the District Attorneys

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SHPAC Amendment to Senate Memorial 20

The Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee amendment to Senate Memorial 20 (SM 20) expands membership of the planning group tasked with advising the Department of Health on the agenda for the youth violence summit. The amendment adds New Mexico youth and families with lived experience in the juvenile justice system and victims of youth violence, as well as two senators and two representatives appointed by the Legislative Council on the recommendation of the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

Synopsis of Senate Memorial 20

Senate Memorial 20 (SM20) tasks the Department of Health (DOH) to convene a statewide youth violence summit to develop a comprehensive statewide approach to mitigate youth violence. DOH is tasked with creating a planning group consisting of itself, the Children, Youth and Families Department, the Health Care Authority (HCA), the Public Education Department, and the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys, and the Chief Public Defender, as well as DOH appointed members to represent state and local law enforcement and the children's court. DOH is requested to write a final report on the findings and recommendations of the youth violence summit, including recommendations for legislation to implement a comprehensive statewide approach to mitigate youth violence. The report is required by November 1, 2026.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which is May 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Memorials do not contain appropriations and are not enforceable as state law. The study requested in this memorial is within the normal operations of the agencies involved and is unlikely to result in significant costs

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

As noted by the Public Defender Department, punitive responses to youth crime have little deterrent effect and can be linked to increased likelihood of adult criminal behaviors. A prevention-based approach including intervention could provide meaningful impacts to reduce juvenile antisocial behavior and ultimately criminal behavior.

As noted by the Health Care Authority, there is no specific representation from the courts or New Mexico pueblos, tribes or nations.

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