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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: Senate Memorial 28

SHORT TITLE: Study Gun Violence

SPONSOR: Pinto/Pope/López

LAST ORIGINAL
UPDATE: _____ **DATE:** 02/18/2026 **ANALYST:** Sanchez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
CVRC	No fiscal impact	Up to \$150.0	No fiscal impact	Up to \$150.0	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

- Administrative Office of the Courts
- Law Offices of the Public Defender
- New Mexico Sentencing Commission
- Children, Youth and Families Department
- Crime Victims Reparation Commission
- Department of Public Safety
- Public Education Department
- Higher Education Department

Agency or Agencies That Declined to Respond

- Department of Health
- Administrative Office of the District Attorneys

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Memorial 28

Senate Memorial 28 (SM28) requests the Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC) to convene a statewide crime prevention task force to study gun violence in New Mexico. The memorial directs the commission to bring together relevant stakeholders to examine the scope, causes, and impacts of gun violence in the state and to formulate policy and programmatic recommendations for reducing firearm-related deaths and injuries.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Memorials do not contain appropriations, nor are they enforceable as law, but the actions they request may carry fiscal implications for participating agencies. CVRC may incur administrative and operational costs to support coordination, staffing, data collection, stakeholder engagement, and the preparation of a formal report.

While these activities may be absorbed within existing agency budgets, depending on the scope, any extensive undertaking, particularly one involving a convening of stakeholders from across the criminal justice system, could require reallocation of resources. CVRC anticipated additional personnel time, administrative and operational costs, such as meetings, travel, materials, data analysis, and reporting, could potentially cost up to \$150 thousand and potentially require additional new FTE or contracted subject-matter experts.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The memorial assigns the convening role to CVRC, whose statutory responsibilities primarily relate to victim compensation and administration of victim assistance funds. The proposed task force would address prevention and policy issues that extend beyond the commission's traditional program focus. The memorial also contemplates participation from numerous state agencies, tribal governments, law enforcement entities, and advocacy groups, which may require coordination across differing jurisdictions, data systems, and program authorities.

The measure directs the task force to examine firearm laws, data gaps, and prevention strategies and to report its findings to interim legislative committees and the governor. The memorial does not specify reporting deadlines, the task force's duration, or the implementation structure. Any statutory or regulatory changes arising from the task force's recommendations would require subsequent legislation.

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