

LESC bill analyses are available on the New Mexico Legislature website ([www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov)). Bill analyses are prepared by LESC staff for standing education committees of the New Mexico Legislature. LESC does not assume any responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE**  
**BILL ANALYSIS**  
**54th Legislature, 1st Session, 2019**

**Bill Number** HM60                      **Sponsor** Romero, Andrea/Trujillo, L.  
**Tracking Number** .213990.1              **Committee Referrals** HEC  
**Short Title** School Floor Plans to Law Enforcement  
**Analyst** Rogne                                      **Original Date** 2/22/2019  
**Last Updated** \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis of Memorial

House Memorial 60 (HM60) requests the secretary of the Public Education Department (PED) to coordinate with each public and private school in the state to provide a copy of each school’s floor plan to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). HM60 also requests the secretary of DPS to provide each law enforcement agency with copies of the floor plans for each school within the agency’s jurisdiction. Lastly, the secretary of PED is requested to recommend to the legislature any necessary legislation to protect public and private schools’ floor plans from disclosure pursuant to a public records request.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations.

**SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

HM60 notes that local and state law enforcement officers who have access to school floor plans are better equipped to respond to security threats at those schools.

School security continues to be a concern in New Mexico. On February 14, 2019, a student fired a gun inside Cleveland High School in Rio Rancho, though no one was injured. On December 7, 2017, a 21-year-old entered Aztec High School disguised as a student, and shot two students with a Glock pistol, killing Casey Jordan-Marquez and Francisco “Paco” Fernandez. As a result of this incident, the Legislature approved additional school security funding in 2018 and began a discussion of the issues of school violence and security that continued throughout the 2018 interim.

The importance of coordination of emergency management was repeatedly stressed by law enforcement during these school security discussions. Providing law enforcement with access to school floor plans is an important component of ensuring quick response times in an emergency situation. In Aztec, law enforcement worked with school district officials on a regular basis to conduct drills and become familiar with the layout of local schools. Many administrators in Aztec

credited this sort of training and coordination for emergency personnel's rapid response during the shooting at the high school, preventing further loss of life.

**RELATED BILLS**

HB129, School Security Personnel & Deadly Weapons, would expand the classes of people who may carry weapons on campus to include retired peace officers and contract school security guards.

HB473, School Security Equipment Fund, would create the school security equipment fund to assist school districts with the purchase of security vehicles and other security equipment that is not eligible for funding under the Public School Capital Outlay Act.

HB490, School Training for Law Enforcement, would require the New Mexico law enforcement academy board to develop and implement a planned program of initial and in-service training for law enforcement officers that is specific to best practices for law enforcement and school interactions.

SB146, Create Crime of School Threat, would create the crime of threatening a school shooting as a fourth degree felony.

SB147/SPACS, School Safety Drill Requirements, would change the requirements for school emergency drills.

SB148, Former Officers as School Security Personnel, would allow retired law enforcement officers to receive annual cost of living adjustments if employed as school security personnel employed by an Education Retirement Board employer.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

- LESC Files

**MCR/mhg**