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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://agencyanalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to 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:** 3/13/2025*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** HM54Original ☒ Correction ☐Amendment ☐ Substitute ☐**Sponsor:** Brian G. Baca
G. Andrés Romero**Agency Name
and Code****Number:** New Mexico Public Schools
Insurance Authority 34200**Short Title:** STUDY PUBLIC SCHOOL
SAFETY**Person Writing
Analysis:**Dominique Williams**Email** Dominique.williams@**Phone:** 505-469-5541 : psia.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						No fiscal impact

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

HM054 seeks to address growing concerns about public school safety in New Mexico by requesting a study on the potential benefits of establishing a statewide school safety entity. This entity could be a department, division, or bureau dedicated to developing and maintaining a comprehensive statewide public school safety plan. The memorial cites several key reasons for the study. School safety concerns have increased due to violent incidents in public schools. Some New Mexico school districts have already implemented security measures such as AI-powered gun detection and anonymous reporting tools. In 2023 House Bill 505 allocated \$35 million dollars for school security infrastructure, but more funding is needed. Other states, such as Indiana and Colorado, have established centralized school safety entities. The study aims to explore the potential benefits of establishing a dedicated statewide school safety entity to standardize and improve security measures. The findings will be reported to the governor and the New Mexico Legislative Council.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMPSIA does not foresee any financial implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

“School Safety” is a broad term that encompasses a wide range of areas that should be addressed under the umbrella of keeping students safe. Violence in schools perpetrated by adults and students is an urgent issue which should include a review and development of programs and policies to include violent students in classrooms, sexual molestation- Staff on student and student on student and hazing to name a few. The NM Public School Insurance Authority has a great deal of data that can be shared with the committee and therefore would request membership on the committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES/PROPOSED AMENDMENT