

Proposed

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 553

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
CREATING THE STATEWIDE VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE;
REQUIRING A FINAL REPORT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--STATEWIDE VIOLENCE
PREVENTION TASK FORCE--CREATED--MEMBERS--DUTIES--FINAL
REPORT.--

A. The "statewide violence prevention task force"
is created. The task force shall be convened and administered
by the attorney general. The task force consists of the
following thirteen members:

(1) one member representing a sporting
shooting range, appointed by the attorney general;

(2) one member representing the department of

1 public safety, appointed by the secretary of public safety;

2 (3) two members representing the state
3 department of justice, appointed by the attorney general;

4 (4) one member representing the second
5 judicial district, appointed by the district attorney of that
6 district;

7 (5) one member representing the administrative
8 office of the district attorneys, appointed by the director of
9 the administrative office of the district attorneys;

10 (6) one member representing the public
11 defender department, appointed by the chief public defender;

12 (7) one member representing the federal bureau
13 of alcohol, tobacco, firearms and explosives, appointed by the
14 New Mexico regional office director;

15 (8) one advocate, appointed by the attorney
16 general;

17 (9) one health care professional, appointed by
18 the department of health or the health care authority;

19 (10) one member representing a public school,
20 appointed by the secretary of public education;

21 (11) one member who is a tribal law
22 enforcement officer, appointed by the governor; and

23 (12) one member representing the tribal
24 community, appointed by the attorney general.

25 B. The task force shall be appointed by July 1,

2025 and complete the task force's work by July 1, 2027.

C. The task force shall:

(1) study the root causes and contributing factors of firearm violence in New Mexico and identify evidence-based strategies and policies that can effectively reduce the incidence of firearm violence in the state;

(2) examine current state and federal laws related to firearm ownership, possession and use and recommend measures that can enhance public safety while respecting the second amendment rights of law-abiding citizens;

(3) examine ways to promote public education and awareness about the risks of firearm violence and the importance of responsible firearm ownership and storage;

(4) engage with community leaders, law enforcement officials, health care professionals and other stakeholders to develop and implement effective strategies and policies to prevent firearm violence and enhance public safety; and

(5) create different stakeholder tables with different parties in order to define the problems, identify the risk and protective factors, define effective strategies and identify ways to develop and test prevention strategies.

D. The task force shall submit a final report to the interim legislative committee that studies courts and corrections issues, the legislative health and human services

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committee and the governor by July 1, 2027.

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