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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 02/6/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB278 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Nicole Chavez **Agency Name and Code Number:** 770-NMCD
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0	0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0	0	0	N/A	N/A

(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	0	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Bill 278 excludes from the crime of voluntary manslaughter any conduct in the course of or during an escape from the commission of a felony offense or while resisting a lawful arrest.

Voluntary manslaughter consists of manslaughter committed upon a sudden quarrel or in the heat of passion, but a sudden quarrel or heat of passion does not include any conduct in the course of or during an escape from the commission of a felony offense or while resisting a lawful arrest.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Corrections Department may face additional budgetary impacts, depending on the outcomes of successful prosecutions and the resulting sentences, whether involving prison terms or community supervision. At the FY24 expenditure level, the average cost per inmate is \$56,804 annually, or approximately \$156 per day. Given current trends in inflation and rising operational costs, the future average cost per inmate will exceed the current estimate. Additionally, the average annual cost per individual on community supervision is \$7,074.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None for the Corrections Department.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for the Corrections Department.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for the Corrections Department.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None for the Corrections Department.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None for the Corrections Department.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None for the Corrections Department.

ALTERNATIVES

None for the Corrections Department.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None proposed by the Corrections Department.