



LFC Requester: Sanchez

**PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
BILL ANALYSIS  
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Check all that apply:

Original  Amendment   
Correction  Substitute

Date Prepared: 02/05 /25

Bill No: SM1

Agency Name and Code: PED - 924

Sponsor: Pinto

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Short Title: GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
None	None	N/A	N/A

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
None	None	None	N/A	N/A

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	None	None	None	None	N/A	N/A

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None.

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: Senate Memorial 1 (SM1) would call for the Crime Victims Reparation Commission to establish a statewide gun violence prevention task force to study gun violence in New Mexico and propose evidence-based solutions to address the issue. The task force would include representatives from law enforcement, health departments, the public and higher education departments, tribal governments, and community organizations.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The bill does not contain an appropriation.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The statewide gun violence prevention task force would be composed of representatives of the \*

- Crime Victims Reparation Commission;
- Public Education Department;
- Higher Education Department;
- Department of Public Safety;
- Department of Health;
- Health Care Authority;
- Children, Youth and Families Department;
- Department of Game and Fish;
- University of New Mexico;
- Indian Nations, Tribes and Pueblos of New Mexico;
- Pueblo Law Enforcement and Federal and Local Law Enforcement Agencies;
- Gun Advocates and Distributors; and
- Anti-Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Groups

The task force would be requested to report its findings and conclusions to the interim committee dealing with courts, corrections and justice issues, the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and the governor.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

SM1 would require administrative efforts across multiple agencies to include coordination, data collection and reporting, establishing a stakeholder engagement process, and potential policy development.

The complex nature of this issue would require a significant commitment of time across stakeholder groups to establish a comprehensive understanding of the underlying issues and to formulate responsive and effective legislative and policy recommendations.

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Relates to:

- House Bill 38, Possession of Weapon Conversion Device, which proposes a third-degree felony for such possession.
- House Bill 39, Juvenile Record in Firearm Background Checks, which proposes to prohibit an adult subject to a juvenile disposition involving use of a firearm from possessing firearms.
- House Bill 83, Permitless Carry of Firearms.
- Senate Bill 256, School Teachers On-Site Protection Act, which proposes to permit district and charter school leaders designate certain school personnel to carry firearms.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to the [Washington Post](#), there have been 428 school shootings since Columbine. [Several studies](#) demonstrate that school shootings have detrimental effects on the mental health and educational outcomes of surviving youth. When it comes to educational outcomes, studies have found that school shootings lead to drops in student enrollment and a decline in average test scores (Abouk and Adams, 2013; Poutvaara and Ropponen, 2018; Beland and Kim, 2016; Levine and McKnight, 2020).

## **ALTERNATIVES**

None.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

None.

## **AMENDMENTS**

None.