



Legislative Session Review and Notes for CJCCs

1. Criminal justice bills passed and signed during Legislative Session:

- HB 129 (seven-day waiting period for firearms sales)
- HB 193 (retention differential disbursements for full-time certified law enforcement officers)
- HB 236 (return to work for public safety employees)
- HB 239 (cannabis as prison contraband)
- SB 5 (banning firearms near polling stations)
- SB 6 (various changes to the Cannabis Regulation Act)
- SB 96 (increasing penalty for second degree murder and attempted second degree murder)
- SB 271 (no bond hold for those on pretrial release)
- SJR 1 (allowing UNMSOL Dean to appoint designee to the Judicial Nominating Commission)

2. List of CJCC requirements in the Crime Reduction Grant Act (Section 31-28-3 NMSA 1978):

- a) Select a Chair.
- b) Meet 10 months a year. *Note:* this is something we intend to amend.
- c) Adopt rules.
- d) Develop a strategic plan.
- e) Perform the following:
 - (1) review the criminal justice system in the judicial district, including judicial processes, law enforcement, community corrections alternatives and sufficiency of jail and detention facilities;
 - (2) identify criminal justice system problems in the judicial district;
 - (3) develop data-driven policies and evidence-based best practices designed to improve public safety outcomes, cost-effective responses to crime and fair and efficient adjudication processes;
 - (4) facilitate applications from its members for crime reduction grants pursuant to the Crime Reduction Grant Act;
 - (5) facilitate sharing of criminal justice information between agencies as permitted by law;and
 - (6) in consultation with the Sentencing Commission, develop data-sharing agreements and methods of data sharing to allow system-wide analysis of criminal justice operations within the CJCC's judicial district and throughout the state.

3. **Reminder:** We will be looking at the Crime Reduction Act as part of a larger examination of all of the Sentencing Commission statutes, with an eye towards introducing a bill for the 2025 Legislative Session. If you have suggestions or any input on changes that might make the Act more manageable, please contact Douglas Carver: dhmcarver@unm.edu, (505) 239-8362, or Keri Thiel: kthiel@unm.edu, 505-259-8763.