

New Mexico Sentencing Commission Bill Tracker (2026 Reg)

Bill: HB9
Sponsors: Chavez (D26); Cervantes (D31); Rubio (D35); Romero, A. (D46); Anaya (D18)
Title: IMMIGRANT SAFETY ACT
Summary: (Executive Message 72) House Bill 9, known as the “Immigrant Safety Act,” prohibits New Mexico public bodies from participating in the federal civil immigration detention system. The law bans the use of public resources or property to hold individuals for federal immigration violations and mandates the cancellation of all current detention contracts.
Subjects: Constitutional Issues and Amendments; County Affairs; Courts and Civil Matters; Family and Juveniles; Municipalities/City Government; Procurement/Purchasing; Public Safety and Corrections; State Affairs and State Agencies
Progress: Pamphlet Law
Status: 02/05/2026 - Signed by the Governor
History: 01/20/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/20/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/20/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
 01/26/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/29/2026—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Judiciary.
 01/30/2026—H Opened for floor debate.
 01/30/2026—H Note: Floor amendment 1 (Rep. Block) tabled (37-32).
 01/30/2026—H Passed 40-29.
 02/02/2026—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/03/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
 02/03/2026—S Opened for floor debate.
 02/03/2026—S Floor amendments failed (Amendment 1) (Sen. Anthony Thornton) Roll Call 19-20.
 02/03/2026—S Floor amendments failed (Amendment 2) (Sen. James Townsend) Roll Call 16-23.
 02/03/2026—S Note: Audio: (Amendment 2) (Sen. James Townsend) Roll Call 16-23.
 02/03/2026—S Floor amendments failed (Amendment 3) (Sen. William Sharer) Roll Call 14-24.
 02/03/2026—S Note 2: Audio: (Amendment 3) (Sen. William Sharer) Roll Call 14-24.
 02/03/2026—S Passed 24-15.
 02/04/2026—H Enrolled and engrossed.
 02/04/2026—H Signed by Officers of House.
 02/04/2026—G Note: Received in Governor's Office.
 02/04/2026—S Signed by Officers of Senate.
 02/05/2026—G Signed by the Governor (Laws 2026, Chapter 5).
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: NMCD noted that the bill would affect facilities in Otero (where bonds are still owed), Grants, Cibola, and Torrance Counties; Otero and Torrence would shut down. No action was taken on this legislation.

Subjects: content, as well as victims seeking criminal enforcement and civil damages.
 Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles; Telecommunications; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/21/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/21/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/21/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

Bill: HB25
Sponsors: Cates (D44)
Title: JUVENILE FIREARM USE AND BACKGROUND CHECKS
Summary: (Governor's Message 7) House Bill 25 amends three sections of law in the Criminal Code to tighten firearm violations by an adult with a previous record involving firearms as a juvenile that would have been a felony if committed by an adult. Authorizes the court record of a juvenile disposition involving the use of a firearm to become part of the FBI's criminal background records for a period of ten years following the disposition as a juvenile. Makes it unlawful for an adult subject to a juvenile disposition for a delinquent act involving a firearm to receive, transport or possess a firearm.
Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/21/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/21/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/22/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/22/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/22/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/22/2026—H Referred to House Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: A public member noted that CYFD's legal division was working with the Governor's office on this bill; there are concerns about the felony part for children, which will be cleaned up. LOPD noted that there is a provision in the Delinquency Act that conflicts with this bill. Upon a motion by a public member, seconded by NMCD, the committee voted to support this legislation (7 to support – Chair, AOC, AODA, DPS, NMCD, and two public members; 3 against – LOPD and two public members; 2 abstentions – District Court Judge and Magistrate Judge).

Bill: HB22
Sponsors: Chandler (D43)
Title: CRIMINAL & CIVIL TORT ACTIONS: SENSITIVE DEEPFAKE IMAGES
Summary: House Bill 22 relates to invasion of privacy and provides for both criminal penalties and civil remedies for either distributing or threatening to distribute sensitive deepfake images (digitally created or manipulated depictions of a person in nude or sexual contexts) with the intent to harass, intimidate or humiliate another or cause them to suffer unwanted physical contact or substantial emotional distress. The bill primarily affects individuals who create, distribute, or threaten to distribute such

Bill: HB39
Sponsors: Cates (D44)
Title: SCALPING AT STATE, LOCAL AND NONPROFIT EVENTS
Summary: House Bill 39 outlaws selling or attempting to sell a ticket to an event hosted by the state, a political subdivision of the state (county, municipality) or a nonprofit entity at a price greater than what is charged at the event or printed on the ticket, a practice called scalping.
Subjects: Criminal Code; State Affairs and State Agencies
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/21/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/21/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/21/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

Bill: HB46
Sponsors: Cates (D44)
Title: CREATES CRIME OF DIGITAL SABOTAGE OF A BUSINESS
Summary: Amends the Computer Crimes Act to create the crime of digital sabotage of a business, defined as using a business’s digital resource to provide false or misleading information, damage the functioning of a digital resource or the business, or redirect a potential customer searching for the business to a different network location. Penalties range from a second degree felony down to a petty misdemeanor, depending on the amount of damages.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Business, Manufacturing and Economic Development; Information Technology; Telecommunications; Courts and Civil Matters
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/21/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/21/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/21/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

Bill: HB49
Sponsors: Garratt (D29); Berghmans (D15); Sarinana (D21)
Title: PENALTIES FOR FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM (Governor’s Message 2) (Similar to 2025 HB496) House Bill 49 amends New Mexico’s statutes regarding the unlawful possession, transportation, or receipt of firearms or destructive devices by a convicted felon. The bill replaces current penalties—which vary based on the nature of the prior conviction—with increased first- and second-degree felony classifications.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Related: 2025:HB496
Progress: 2nd House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/11/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/22/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
 01/30/2026—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 02/09/2026—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Judiciary.
 02/10/2026—H Opened for floor debate.
 02/10/2026—H Passed 54-9.
 02/11/2026—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/11/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: DPS noted that this is one of the Governor’s bills, that it was important to have severe penalties on people who violate this statute, and even if there is not much of a deterrent effect it is important that there are consequences. A public member noted that these sanctions have no deterrent effect. District Judge noted the importance of data to these discussions. LOPD noted the NMSC’s data on the effectiveness of the increased penalties over the last many years shows that there has been little to no effect; LOPD also noted that these penalties are quite severe for a crime that does not necessarily involve the use of a weapon and thinks that the current penalty is appropriate. Upon a motion by DPS, seconded by NMCD, the committee voted to support this legislation (6 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS, NMCD, and two public members; 3 against – LOPD and two public members; 4 abstentions – AOC, District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge, and a public member).

Bill: HB52
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: TECHNICAL CLEANUP: STATUTORY REFERENCES TO CRIMINAL CODE
Summary: (House Executive Message 33) House Bill 52 is a technical

Subjects: statutory reconciliation bill that updates cross-references to Sec. 33-2-34 of the Criminal Code. The bill makes no substantive changes to existing law and mainly updates references to such terms as “serious violent offense” and “felon” to match the current numbering in Sec. 33-2-34, as amended in 2025.
 Criminal Code; Courts and Civil Matters; Information Technology; Legislature
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/06/2026 - House Judiciary Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/27/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/27/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
 02/06/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Consumer & Public Affairs.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: NMCD moved to support this bill as the cleanup was because of the EMD bill. Upon a motion by NMCD, seconded by a public member, the committee voted unanimously to support this legislation.

Bill: HB57
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: CHEMICAL ANALYST TESTIMONY BY VIDEO FOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES
Summary: (House Executive Message 34) Nearly identical to 2025 HB105; 2024 HB62; 2023 HB159) Adds a new section to the Implied Consent Act to permit an analyst or toxicologist to testify at a court proceeding related to traffic offenses via interactive video. A defendant is deemed to have given consent to an analyst’s interactive video appearance if the analyst is subpoenaed to testify about chemical testing that the analyst performed to determine if the defendant was driving a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Public Safety and Corrections
Related: 2025:HB105; 2024:HB62; 2023:HB159
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/06/2026 - House Judiciary Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/27/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/27/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
 02/06/2026—H Reported without recommendation by House Consumer & Public Affairs.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: AODA noted that in rural districts, getting in person testimony from these experts is difficult; video testimony in cases is often allowed if the victim consents; video testimony avoids travel; make sense to be part of the Implied Consent Act. LOPD noted that the Confrontation Clause issues were front and center of their analysis; given the posture of current case law, they cannot support this bill. Magistrate Judge noted that in their courtroom experience, if the expert is present, that often results in a plea, but if not, there is usually a motion to suppress. A public member noted the importance of a witness to appear in person, as confrontation over video is not the same. Upon a motion by AODA, seconded by DPS, a motion to support this legislation failed (4 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS, NMCD, and a public member; 5 against – LOPD and four public members; 4 abstentions – Chair, AOC, District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge).

Bill: HB58
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: EXPANDS TELEPHONE THREAT CRIME TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION
Summary: (House Executive Message 35) (Related to 2025 HB287) Amends the Criminal Code’s crime of use of a telephone to terrify, threaten, harass, annoy, or offend to include electronic communication, including text messages and social media.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Related: 2025:HB287
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/06/2026 - House Judiciary Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/27/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/27/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
 02/06/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Consumer & Public Affairs.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: AODA asked about the possible conflicts with other harassment laws. A public member asked about intersection of this bill with domestic violence laws. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB59
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: PENALTY INCREASE: SECOND DEGREE FELONY RESULTING IN DEATH
Summary: (Governor’s Message 19) Amends the Criminal Code to increase the basic sentence for a second degree felony resulting in the death of a human being from 18 to 25 years imprisonment. The current maximum fine for the same crime remains at \$12,500.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/26/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/26/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/26/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/26/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/26/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: DPS noted that this is one of the Governor’s bills, and that it was necessary to have serious consequences for a crime this serious. LOPD noted that the penalty for this crime had been increased recently, in 2024. AODA noted that they have seen several situations where a first degree murder charge could have been pled to second, but the gap in penalties was too large, which affects the prosecution’s ability to negotiate a plea deal. A public member suggested that perhaps it was time to amend the first degree murder statute. Upon a motion by DPS, seconded by AODA, the committee voted to support this legislation (6 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS, NMCD, and two public members; 3 against – LOPD and two public members; 4 abstentions – AOC, District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge, and a public member).

Bill: HB60
Sponsors: Chavez (R31)
Title: DEFINITIONS: CRIMINAL OFFENSE AGAINST PEACE OFFICER
Summary: (Governor’s Message 20) (Identical to 2025 HB104; 2023 HB225) House Bill 60 amends New Mexico’s Victims of Crime Act to expand the definition of “criminal offense” so that it

includes crimes committed against peace officers, thereby extending to them the victim’s rights and procedural protections afforded to other victims under the act.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Related: 2025:HB104; 2023:HB225
Progress: 1st House: Passed
Status: 02/11/2026 - Passed in the House
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/26/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/26/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/26/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/26/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
 01/30/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 02/09/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
 02/11/2026—H Opened for floor debate.
 02/11/2026—H Passed 59-5.
Scheduled: 02/11/2026—House Calendar, 11:00 a.m., House Chamber
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: DPS noted that this is one of the Governor’s bills; he related anecdotes about officers he has known in his 27 years in uniform who were definitely in the category of victims, and the times they received notifications like those required in the Victims of Crimes Act and how important that was to them. LOPD asked about whether the restitution provisions would apply to officers. Upon a motion by DPS, seconded by NMCD, the committee voted to support this legislation (10 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS, NMCD, Magistrate Judge, and five public members; 0 against; 3 abstentions – AOC, LOPD, and District Court Judge).

Bill: HB61
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: PENALTY INCREASE: AGGRAVATED BATTERY UPON PEACE OFFICER
Summary: (Governor’s Message 6) (Identical to 2025 HB103; 2024 HB61) Proposes to make the crime of committing aggravated battery on a police officer a second degree felony when 1) inflicting great bodily harm; 2) doing so with a deadly weapon; or 3) doing so in any manner whereby great bodily harm or death can be inflicted.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Related: 2025:HB103; 2024:HB61
Progress: 2nd House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/10/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/22/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
 01/28/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 02/03/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
 02/09/2026—H Opened for floor debate.
 02/09/2026—H Passed 55-11.
 02/10/2026—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: DPS noted that this is one of the Governor’s bills, and that he had seen an increase in aggravated battery cases against law enforcement; they mentioned a recent incident where an officer was shot from a random direction while conducting a traffic stop; there is a need to protect officers. LOPD noted that while there might be an increase, there is no data to support that increasing the penalty will decrease the incidence of the crime; there were problems overall with separating various aggravating battery crimes by profession; LOPD also noted that there was a big jump in penalty from three years to nine, and that there was a risk of overcharging. AODA disagreed and noted that police officers

were one case where there were strong reasons for there being a greater penalty. A public member noted that they would support the bill if they thought that it would actually protect officers. Upon a motion by DPS, seconded by NMCD, the committee voted to support this legislation (6 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS, NMCD, and two public members; 3 against – LOPD and two public members; 4 abstentions – AOC, District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge, and a public member).

Bill: HB67
Sponsors: Garratt (D29)
Title: FIREARMS RESTRICTIONS IN ALL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDERS
Summary: Amends the Family Violence Protection Act to require a restrained party to relinquish any firearm while an order of protection is in effect; no longer requires a showing of credible threat.
Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB72
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: CRIMINAL PENALTY: DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO MINOR
Summary: (House Executive Message 29) House Bill 72 amends Chapter 30 of New Mexico’s controlled substances laws relating to the penalty for adults who intentionally distribute certain controlled substances to minors by increasing the penalty to a first-degree felony level for distribution that involves Schedule I or II narcotic drugs and methamphetamine (and their analogs). (Under existing law, the basic sentence is 18 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$15,000.)
Subjects: Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections; Cannabis/Controlled Substances
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/02/2026 - House Judiciary Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/27/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Referred to House Health & Human Services.
 01/27/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
 02/02/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Health & Human Services.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB73
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: LIMITS COURT’S AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND OR DEFER SENTENCES
Summary: (House Executive Message 30) House Bill 73 amends the Sentencing law to limit the level of a basic sentence that the court may defer or suspend when imposing a sentence for a second- or third-degree felony offense on a defendant who was previously convicted of a felony offense. In such cases, the court’s authority to defer or suspend is limited to no more than two-thirds of the basic sentence. Despite the two-thirds limit, the court may “otherwise alter the basic sentence” based on mitigating or aggravating circumstances as allowed by existing law.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections; Courts and Civil Matters

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/27/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/27/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/27/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: There was some discussion about how the language was unclear in this bill; it seems the intent is for it to be mandatory, but the bill’s text does not clearly state that. AODA noted that the DAs were split on the bill. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB74
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: HABITUAL OFFENDER SENTENCING
Summary: (House Executive Message 31) House Bill 74 amends the Criminal Code to remove the 10-year time limit that currently restricts what is classified as “prior felony conviction” for a habitual offender, thereby allowing older felony convictions to be used to increase a basic sentence for a new felony conviction.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/27/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/27/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/27/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: A public member noted that the habitual offender statute is likely unconstitutional, as it shifts discretion away from the courts; the ten-year restriction was part of the compromise behind the passage of the legislation; they added that the NMSC has historically opposed legislation that undermines judicial discretion. LOPD noted that the reason for the ten-year restriction is that people should have to face accountability for what they have done now, not a long time ago; the Supreme Court noted that the policy justification was to differentiate the incorrigible offenders from people who could rehabilitate; they also noted that there is a pending Supreme Court case on elements of this statute. DPS noted that if someone has managed to turn their life around after ten years, they could get consideration. A public member noted that most felonies are non-violent. Upon a motion by a public member, seconded by another public member, the committee voted not to support this legislation (7 not to support – Chair, LOPD, and five public members; none against; 6 abstentions – AOC, AODA, DPS, NMCD, District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge).

Bill: HB75
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: EVIDENCE TO MITIGATE BASIC CRIMINAL SENTENCE
Summary: (House Executive Message 32) House Bill 74 amends the Criminal Code to remove the 10-year time limit that currently restricts what is classified as “prior felony conviction” for a habitual offender, thereby allowing older felony convictions to be used to increase a basic sentence for a new felony conviction.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/27/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.

01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/27/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/27/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: LOPD noted that there is currently no burden placed on proving mitigating circumstances; it is still entirely up to the judge to look at the defendant in totality; placing a burden of proof on the mitigating circumstances claimed misses the point about mitigation. A public member noted that a common mitigating factor in capital cases is mercy, which does not relate to any standard; mercy is something that can and should be considered. A motion made by AODA, seconded by DPS, to support this legislation failed (2 to support – AODA and DPS; 5 against – Chair, LOPD, and three public members; 6 abstentions – AOC, NMCD, District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge, and two public members).

Bill: HB78
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: USE OF SEALED JUVENILE RECORDS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
Summary: (Related to HB25 2026) House Bill 78 authorizes parties to an adult or juvenile criminal proceeding to refer to the existence—and, in certain situations, to the contents—of sealed juvenile records for hearings regarding pretrial detention, detention, conditions of release, or sentencing. Also allows parties to refer to the existence of sealed juvenile records in all other written pleadings, without disclosing the contents of the record.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections; Family and Juveniles; Courts and Civil Matters
Related: 2026:HB25
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB79
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: LOWER STANDARD OF PROOF TO REVOKE PROBATION FOR DELINQUENT YOUTH
Summary: (Governor's House Executive Message 41) (Identical to a section of 2025 HB134) Proposes to amend the Children's Code to lower the standard of proof required for revoking probation for a youth previously adjudicated delinquent who violates conditions of parole. The standard would become "preponderance of the evidence," not "beyond a reasonable doubt" (the most stringent evidentiary standard).
Subjects: Family and Juveniles; Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Related: 2025:HB134
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/28/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/28/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/28/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/28/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/28/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: LOPD noted that the current standard is higher than that for an adult; the intent of the bill is to make the burden lower, despite the fact that the Children's Code mandates that children should have at least the same rights as adults. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB81
Sponsors: Block, John (R51)
Title: LOADED GUNS, BULLETS & BARS
Summary: (Essentially identical to 2025 HB83, 2024 HB78 and 2023 HB164) Amends the Criminal Code to decriminalize the carrying of a concealed loaded firearm. A new section of law is added to permit a person aged 18 or older to carry an open or concealed loaded firearm on their person, unless the person is prohibited by federal or state law or court order from possessing or carrying a firearm. Exempts firearms from the definition of "deadly weapon" and permits carrying a loaded firearm on a bus, on university premises, and in bars.
Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; Criminal Code; Transportation; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

Bill: HB84
Sponsors: Armstrong, G. (R49)
Title: EXPOSURE OF NEWBORN TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, PLANS OF SAFE CARE
Summary: (Related to 2025 HB136, HB303, HB383) Amends the Criminal Code and the Children's Code to provide that exposure of a newborn to certain controlled substances, including fentanyl, constitutes abuse of a child. Calls for plans of safe care for a substance-exposed newborn, including taking a newborn into temporary protective custody if warranted.
Subjects: Health and Medical Practice; Family and Juveniles; Cannabis/Controlled Substances; Criminal Code
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Not Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

Bill: HB86
Sponsors: Chavez (D26)
Title: MAJOR REORGANIZATION OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT
Summary: Restructures the Children, Youth and Families Department from a cabinet-level agency to an autonomous adjunct agency controlled by a three-member commission appointed by the Legislature and the Governor and run by a Superintendent appointed by the Commission. CYFD is thus effectively placed under the control of the Legislature.
Subjects: State Affairs and State Agencies; Legislature; Family and Juveniles; Indians
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB91
Sponsors: Matthews (D27)
Title: REDACTION OF RECORDS CHANGING CAUSE OF DEATH
Summary: House Bill 91 relates to the privacy of records that are in the custody of law enforcement agencies regarding notifications of a change in the cause of death of a person. The bill authorizes the redaction from law enforcement public records of a visual or audio depiction of the notification to a member of the public of a change in cause of death of a family member. Specifically provides that the record of notification regarding the change in death is considered nonpublic unless the person who receives the notification grants permission for it to be made public.

Subjects: Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: **HB95**
Sponsors: Hochman-Vigil (D15)
Title: ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP IN SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND APPROPRIATION
Summary: (Very similar to 2025 HB147) Provides funding for one more judge in the Second Judicial District, thereby increasing the total to 31 judges. Appropriates \$451,400 (GF) to the Administrative Office of the Courts for FY2027 to pay costs associated with a new judgeship, including salaries and benefits for judge and staff, furniture, equipment and supplies.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; State Affairs and State Agencies; Appropriations
Related: 2025:HB147
Progress: 2nd House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/05/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to Constitution.
 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
 01/22/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
 01/28/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
 02/02/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
 02/05/2026—H Opened for floor debate.
 02/05/2026—H Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 1) (Rep. Nicole Chavez) Voice Vote.
 02/05/2026—H Passed 65-0.
 02/05/2026—S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/05/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: AOC noted that they had done expensive research and have the statistics to justify the need for this judgeship in the Second Judicial District and the other one they are requesting in the First Judicial District. In the Second, a Family Court judge is particularly needed. LOPD noted that in the past they have not supported additional judgeships because a new judge in a district court, even if they do not have a criminal docket, often means that there are often more criminal cases that the DAs and LOPD have to handle. A public member added his support for more resources for LOPD and DAs. Upon a motion by AOC, seconded by DPS, the committee voted unanimously to support this legislation.

Bill: **HB105**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DISPOSITIONS EXTENDED TO AGE 25
Summary: (Similar in part to 2025 HB134, Sections 11 and 14) House Bill 105 amends New Mexico's Children's Code provisions on juvenile delinquency dispositions and youthful offenders to empower courts to extend certain juvenile judgments for longer periods—potentially until a person reaches age 25. It expands judicial discretion in setting the length of probation or commitment when a child is adjudicated delinquent and adjusts the rules for extending judgments by limiting options for short-term and long-term commitments that carry time limitations. The bill primarily affects children adjudicated delinquent, youthful offenders, children's court proceedings, and the state agency responsible for juvenile placements
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: A public member noted that the bill gives

a court discretion and that children could be held until they are 25; there was a different bill introduced that has a better approach. The committee voted unanimously to table discussion of this piece of legislation.

Bill: **HB125**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: PROSECUTING MORE CHILDREN AS ADULTS
Summary: (Governor's House Executive Message 69) (Similar to 2025 House Bill 134) House Bill 125 makes it easier to criminally prosecute children as adults.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections
Related: 2025:HB134
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/05/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 02/05/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 02/05/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 02/05/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 02/05/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: **HB134**
Sponsors: Gurrola (D16)
Title: OUTLAWING UNLAWFUL REMOTE TRACKING
Summary: House Bill 134 creates a new crime prohibiting the installation of a global position system (GPS) device that tracks a person, vehicle or property without their knowledge, consent or permission.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: **HB146**
Sponsors: Chavez (R31)
Title: TOUGHER SENTENCES FOR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON
Summary: House Bill 146 allows courts to impose longer prison sentences on people who have prior felony convictions and go on to get caught possessing guns.
Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; County Affairs; Criminal Code
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/27/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/27/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 01/27/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/27/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: DPS noted that this is one of the Governor's bills, and that, as with the other bills involving felons with firearms, that a violation needs to have serious consequences for felons who have firearms. A public member noted that people believe that these laws have a deterrent effect on felons who might think about obtaining a firearm, but they don't. LOPD noted that, as they have commented with similar bills, the crime is not in itself a violent crime; they also noted that there are mandatory sentences in this bill, which they oppose, and the proposed penalties are more special penalties that do not track our felony structure. Upon a motion by DPS, seconded by AODA, the committee narrowly voted to support this legislation (5 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS, NMCD, and

a public members; 4 against – LOPD and three public members; 4 abstentions – AOC, District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge, and a public member).

Bill: HB147
Sponsors: Lara (D34)
Title: HUMAN TRAFFICKING: LODGING FACILITY NOTICE AND TRAINING
Summary: (Related to 2026 SB32) House Bill 147 requires a lodging facility to display information about human trafficking, including a national human trafficking hotline, and requires annual human trafficking awareness training for all lodging facility employees. Violation carries a civil penalty of up to \$500 per violation. Applies to a hotel, motel, motor hotel, bed and breakfast facility, inn, resort, or other facility offering 10 or more guest rooms for rent.
Subjects: Business, Manufacturing and Economic Development; Criminal Code
Related: 2026:SB32
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB162
Sponsors: De La Cruz (D12)
Title: LONGER PRISON TIME FOR HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE
Summary: House Bill 162 triples the length of the potential prison sentence for someone who is convicted of killing another person with their vehicle while recklessly driving.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections; Appropriations
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/26/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/26/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: A public member noted that there are concerns with how this bill extends criminal liability to a civil car accident situation. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB163
Sponsors: Chavez (R31)
Title: BAIL DENIAL FOR CERTAIN FELONY OFFENSES
Summary: (Related to 2026 HJR2) HB163 designates several criminal offenses as dangerous or violent felony offenses for purposes of a hearing to deny bail. Requires that Article 2, Section 13 of the constitution of New Mexico be amended before the provisions of HB163 can become effective.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections; Courts and Civil Matters; Constitutional Issues and Amendments
Related: 2026:HJR2
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/26/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/26/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: A public member noted that this bill is a companion to HJR 2, which was tabled in committee. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB179
Sponsors: Chavez (R31)
Title: UNSEALING JUVENILE RECORDS
Summary: (Identical to 2026 HB78, identical to part of 2025 HB134) House Bill 179 allows parties to an adult or juvenile criminal proceeding to refer to the existence and contents of sealed juvenile records in written pleadings for pretrial detention, conditions of release, or sentencing hearings. The bill also allows parties to refer to the existence of sealed juvenile records in all other written pleadings, without disclosing their contents.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections

Related: 2026:HB78; 2025:HB134
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/27/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/27/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB182
Sponsors: Zamora (R63)
Title: ALLOWING LOCALITIES TO IMPOSE CURFEWS ON CHILDREN
Summary: (Similar to 2017 HB53, 2011 HB254, 2002 HB406) House Bill 182 makes it possible for children to be prosecuted for violating a local ordinance imposing a curfew.
Subjects: County Affairs; Municipalities/City Government; Family and Juveniles
Related: 2017:HB53; 2011:HB254; 2002:HB406
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/27/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/27/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB196
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: THREE YEARS IN PRISON UPON CONVICTION FOR RECEIVING STOLEN FIREARM
Summary: (Governor's House Executive Message 39) House Bill 196 doubles the potential prison sentence for receiving a stolen gun.
Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/28/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/28/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/28/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/28/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB197
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: THREE YEARS IN PRISON UPON CONVICTION FOR STEALING A FIREARM
Summary: (Governor's House Executive Message 38) (Related to 2026 House Bill 196) House Bill 197 doubles the potential prison sentence for stealing a gun.
Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Related: 2026:HB196
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/28/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/28/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 01/28/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 01/28/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB199
Sponsors: Brown (R55); Dixon (D20)
Title: SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT CHANGES
Summary: (Governor's House Executive Message 73) HB199 amends the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to comply with the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. It revises key definitions, creates tier-based categories of sex offenses, tightens registration and update deadlines from five business days to three, and lengthens time for agency retention of registration information. It also adds specific registration rules for certain juvenile sex offenders and expands public access to

some registry information.

Subjects: Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles; County Affairs

Progress: Introduced

Status: 02/06/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee

History: 01/28/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
02/06/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
02/06/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
02/06/2026—H Referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
02/06/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

Scheduled: 02/12/2026—House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee, 1:30 p.m., Room 317

Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: DPS noted that New Mexico has been non-compliant with Adam Walsh since 2006 and that DPS would like to see the sex offender registration laws tightened. A public member noted that in past discussions around making New Mexico Adam Walsh compliant, there has been a question whether the work required would be worthwhile given what in the past was a small amount of money available, and that there was a question whether the Adam Walsh requirements work for New Mexico. Another public member noted that there was confusion at CYFD as to what happens to the registration requirements for a juvenile who has to register when that person turns 21. Another public member noted that there were conflicts with the state’s existing confidentiality and sealing of records statutes, including that registration would prevent a child from attending school. LOPD noted that there has been some version of this bill introduced for years, but it has consistently been denied passage due to numerous concerns. District Court Judge noted that there is often confusion with the registration requirements for a person who moves to New Mexico from another jurisdiction who had to register where they lived before, which consumes a lot of court time. DPS noted that the juvenile section has been amended out of the bill, and that DPS does have a process to help with out of state sex offender registry registrants. A motion to support this legislation made by DPS, seconded by NMCD, failed (4 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS, and NMCD; 6 against – LOPD, and five public members; 3 abstentions – District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge, and a public member).

Bill: HB206

Sponsors: Chavez (R31)

Title: ADDS CRIMES FOR VICTIM REPARATION

Summary: (Governor’s House Executive Message 37) HB206 amends the Crime Victims Reparation Act to add assault, battery, criminal sexual contact, and robbery while armed with a deadly weapon as crimes for which reparations to victims may be made.

Subjects: Criminal Code

Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees

Status: 02/06/2026 - House Judiciary Committee

History: 01/28/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
01/28/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
01/28/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
02/06/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Consumer & Public Affairs.

Scheduled: 02/11/2026—House Judiciary Committee, 1:30 p.m. or 15 minutes after floor session, Room 309

Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: AODA noted that they supported adding these crimes to the list of crimes to which the Crime Victims Reparation Act applies and for which reparation to victims may be made; they added that the CVRC supports this legislation. A public member noted that there was an incident where there was an assault, which was referred to the Juvenile Justice Division, then dismissed after the preliminary inquiry, and the victims called but were not able to receive any information because of confidentiality provisions surrounding juvenile offenses, which creates a barrier when matters are handled informally. Upon a motion by AODA, seconded by NMCD, the committee voted to support this legislation (8 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS,

NMCD, Magistrate Judge, and three public members; none against; 5 abstentions – LOPD, District Court Judge, and three public members).

Bill: HB208

Sponsors: Anyanonu (D19)

Title: POLICE CANNOT COVER THEIR FACES

Summary: House Bill 208 bans police officers from wearing face coverings while on duty, except for surgical masks, N95s or similar respirators designed to stop the spread of infectious disease or wildfire smoke.

Subjects: Health and Medical Practice; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections

Progress: Introduced

Status: 01/27/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee

History: 01/27/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB228

Sponsors: Pettigrew (R61)

Title: OUTLAWING CARRYING A GUN WHILE TRAFFICKING ILLEGAL DRUGS

Summary: (Identical to 2020 House Bill 114, 2022 House Bill 26, 2025 House Bill 248, and 2025 House Bill 549) House Bill 228 creates a new crime of unlawfully carrying a gun while trafficking a controlled substance.

Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/29/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee

History: 01/29/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: A public member noted that this bill duplicates existing firearm enhancements; it is not sure whether this bill is necessary. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB234

Sponsors: Reeb (R64)

Title: PRISON ENHANCEMENTS FOR CHEMICAL ANALOGS TO FENTANYL

Summary: (Governor’s House Executive Message 60) House Bill 234 allows courts to extend or “enhance” a potential prison sentence when someone is convicted of selling or convincing another person to sell an illicit substance that is chemically similar to fentanyl.

Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 02/09/2026 - House Judiciary Committee

History: 01/29/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
02/09/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
02/09/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
02/09/2026—H Referred to House Judiciary.

Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB260

Sponsors: Pettigrew (R61); Block, John (R51)

Title: LYING TO THE LEGISLATURE A FOURTH-DEGREE FELONY

Summary: House Bill 260 creates a new crime for lying to the state Legislature.

Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections; Legislature

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/30/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee

History: 01/30/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB266
Sponsors: Cortez (R62); Reeb (R64)
Title: PENALTY AND INTEREST: EXPLOITING CHILDREN & LATE CHILD SUPPORT
Summary: House Bill 266 raises the criminal penalties for knowingly possessing or intentionally distributing child pornography, and raises the interest rate on delinquent child support payments from 4% to 6.5% which shall accrue from the date payment was due until it is paid.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/30/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/30/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB272
Sponsors: Small (D36)
Title: CRIMES OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEED THEFT
Summary: House Bill 272 adds a new section to the Criminal Code by creating the crimes of Residential and Commercial Deed Theft with penalties ranging from a third-degree felony to a first-degree felony when the property involved is owned by a person age 60 or over or who is incapacitated.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Land, Housing and Real Estate; Aging; Human Services
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/02/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 02/02/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB292
Sponsors: Hochman-Vigil (D15)
Title: NEW MEXICO PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT
Summary: House Bill 292 creates the New Mexico Prison Rape Elimination Act to reform how state and local prisons, jails, mental health lockups and other facilities respond to sexual abuse and harassment.
Subjects: County Affairs; Municipalities/City Government; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/11/2026 - House Judiciary Committee
History: 01/30/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
 02/11/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
 02/11/2026—H Referral withdrawn from House Rules & Order of Business.
 02/11/2026—H Referred to House Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: NMCD noted that this bill received a message the day before, but in support of a committee substitute that limits the scope of the legislation and would direct NMCD to put PREA into the rulemaking process. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB312
Sponsors: Lord (R22)
Title: FORCED STERILIZATION OF SEX OFFENDERS
Summary: (Similar to 2023 House Bill 128, 2024 House Bill 57, and 2025 House Bill 385) House Bill 312 amends state criminal sentencing and parole laws to require convicted sex offenders who get out of prison on parole to either be sterilized or go back to prison for the remainder of their sentence.
Subjects: Health and Medical Practice; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Related: 2023:HB128; 2024:HB57; 2025:HB385
Progress: Introduced
Status: 02/04/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 02/04/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order

of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB328
Sponsors: Anyanonu (D19)
Title: NO USE OF STATE FUNDS FOR CONCEALED-IDENTITY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
Summary: (Duplicate of 2026 SB303) HB328 prohibits the use of Department of Public Safety funds for joint operations with federal law enforcement officers or other federal agents who conceal their identity while exercising law enforcement authority. The same prohibition applies to local governments receiving state public safety funds. Provides penalties.
Subjects: Public Safety and Corrections; Civil Rights; Courts and Civil Matters; County Affairs; Municipalities/City Government
Related: 2026:SB303
Progress: Introduced
Status: 02/04/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 02/04/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB331
Sponsors: Gurrola (D16)
Title: EXPUNGEMENT AFTER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACQUITTALS AND DISMISSALS
Summary: House Bill 331 creates a pathway for someone charged but found not guilty of domestic violence, or whose case a judge dismisses on the merits, to clear their name.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/04/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 02/04/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB334
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF CHILDREN
Summary: (Related to 2025 House Bill 8) House Bill 334 substantially revises juvenile delinquency laws governing a child's competency or ability to sufficiently participate in proceedings with a rational degree of understanding and capacity to assist in their own defense; changes the ways that judges can involuntarily commit children to a mental health facility if they determine the child cannot stand trial for an alleged delinquent act but could pose a threat to themselves or others; and allows for incompetent children to go through community-based competency restoration without being detained; and dangerous children who may be placed in secure residential treatment for restoration.
Subjects: Health and Medical Practice; Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/04/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 02/04/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: A public members noted that this was an attempt to put competency for children into statute; the bill is similar to the adult competency, and while in general it does a good job, it is not quite ready; there are issues around commitment, especially given the lack of commitment options in the state; there are also issues around holding juveniles until they are 25; a statute is probably needed, but it would perhaps be better to address in next year's Legislative Session. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HB339
Sponsors: De La Cruz (D12)
Title: DELINQUENCY ACT CHANGES

Summary: HB339 continues the effort to impose harsher penalties on delinquent minors by making a number of changes to the Delinquency Act. Among other changes, it adds crimes to the definition of “youthful offender” and “serious youthful offender;” addresses dispositions of adjudicated minors, provides standard terms of commitment, and removes the authority of CYFD over release of certain delinquent children. Appropriates \$1 million (GF) to CYFD’s Juvenile Justice Division for FY2027.

Subjects: Family and Juveniles; Criminal Code

Progress: Introduced

Status: 02/04/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee

History: 02/04/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: A public member noted that CYFD would like the \$1 million, but nothing else in this bill. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HJM2

Sponsors: Brown (R55)

Title: AG TASK FORCE ON INSPECTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Summary: House Joint Memorial 2 requests that the Attorney General be directed to convene a task force to study implementation of the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA); to gather data from relevant stakeholders to determine whether legislative changes are necessary and, if so, to draft and propose such legislation for consideration during the First Session of the 58th Legislature (2027).

Subjects: Legislature; State Affairs and State Agencies; Telecommunications

Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees

Status: 02/03/2026 - House Calendar

History: 01/27/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Judiciary. 02/03/2026—H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Judiciary.

Scheduled: 02/11/2026—House Calendar, 11:00 a.m., House Chamber

Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: AOC noted that IPRA has not been amended in a long time, and that it is overdue for a review. DPS noted that often things are shared through IPRA requests that shouldn’t be shared, that many times IPRA is used for what is essentially marketing research, to obtain information that is then sold. Upon a motion by AOC, seconded by DPS, the committee voted unanimously to support this legislation.

Bill: HJR2

Sponsors: Chavez (R31)

Title: CA: CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT TO DENY BOND FOR CERTAIN FELONIES

Summary: (Almost identical to 2025 HJR22) A proposal to amend New Mexico’s Constitution to provide a court with authority to deny bail in felony cases where the person is a flight risk. The court may presume that release conditions will not protect against a person charged with a dangerous or violent felony offense. Allowance is made for the defendant to rebut a court’s presumption.

Subjects: Constitutional Issues and Amendments; Criminal Code; Courts and Civil Matters; Public Safety and Corrections

Related: 2025:HJR22

Progress: Introduced

Status: 01/22/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee

History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs. 01/22/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HJR4

Sponsors: Chavez (D26)

Title: CA: TRANSFERS CYFD POLICY CONTROL FROM GOVERNOR TO A CYFD COMMISSION

Summary: (Similar to 2025 HJR5; related to 2026 HB86) Proposes a constitutional amendment to Article 5 of the State Constitution to transfer policymaking authority for the Children, Youth &

Families Department from the Governor to a non-elected body called the Children, Youth and Families Commission. The Legislative Branch would have majority control over the three-member Executive-Branch commission, as the appointees consist of the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tem of the Senate, each of whom shall appoint one qualified member to the commission, subject to meeting certain qualifying requirements.

Subjects: Family and Juveniles; Constitutional Issues and Amendments; State Affairs and State Agencies; Human Services; Legislature

Related: 2026:HB86; 2025:HJR5

Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees

Status: 01/28/2026 - House Judiciary Committee

History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs. 01/22/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary. 01/28/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.

Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HM1

Sponsors: Roybal Caballero (D13)

Title: TASK FORCE PROPOSAL TO RESTRUCTURE CYFD

Summary: House Memorial 1 requests that the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) create a bipartisan task force to study whether the state should amend its Constitution to restructure the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD).

Subjects: Constitutional Issues and Amendments; Family and Juveniles; Human Services; Legislature; State Affairs and State Agencies

Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees

Status: 02/11/2026 - House Calendar

History: 01/27/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Health & Human Services. 02/11/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Health & Human Services.

Scheduled: 02/11/2026—House Health and Human Services Committee, 8:30 a.m., Room 307 (Revised 02/10/2026)

Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HM13

Sponsors: Romero, A. (D46); Chandler (D43)

Title: 10-YEAR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLAN

Summary: Requests that the Legislative Finance Committee convene a task force to develop a ten-year plan and funding strategy to address and modernize systemic problems in the New Mexico criminal justice system that interfere with system performance, public safety and equal justice under the law.

Subjects: Criminal Code

Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees

Status: 02/09/2026 - House Calendar

History: 01/27/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Judiciary. 02/09/2026—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Judiciary.

Scheduled: 02/11/2026—House Calendar, 11:00 a.m., House Chamber

Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: NMSC Executive Director informed the committee that he had been in conversations with legislative staff concerning this memorial, and made the request that the NMSC be included in the task force by name; given the scope of the memorial, the NMSC would undoubtedly be assisting with the task force’s work. The Chair directed the Executive Director to continue those conversations. A member of the public attending the meeting noted that many of the tasks listed in the memorial for the task force seem to have come from the Supreme Court Commission on Mental Health. Upon a motion by DPS, seconded by NMCD, the committee unanimously voted to support the Chair’s direction that the Executive Director try to speak with the sponsors of the memorial or their staff about HM 13.

Meeting of 10 Feb 26: NMSC Executive Director gave the committee an update, informing the committee that the memorial had been amended in HJC the prior Saturday to include the NMSC.

Bill: HM39
Sponsors: Ferrary (D37); Thomson (D24); Rubio (D35)
Title: TASK FORCE ON PROCESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS
Summary: Requests that the Secretary of Public Safety and the Executive Director of the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs convene a task force to study the current state of sexual assault examination kits in New Mexico and report progress on the processing of backlogged sexual assault examination kits.
Subjects: Public Safety and Corrections; Criminal Code; State Affairs and State Agencies; Interim Studies and Interim Committees
Progress: Introduced
Status: 02/02/2026 - House Judiciary Committee
History: 02/02/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Judiciary.
Scheduled: 02/11/2026—House Judiciary Committee, 1:30 p.m. or 15 minutes after floor session, Room 309
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: HR1
Sponsors: Romero, A. (D46)
Title: ZORRO RANCH INVESTIGATION
Summary: Requests that the Speaker of the House appoint a special committee of the House of Representatives consisting of two members from each party to investigate Zorro Ranch in Santa Fe County and the related allegations of criminal activity to determine whether legislation or other action is needed to prevent and properly punish crime, protect children and other vulnerable persons, establish sufficient procedures for securing civil justice, ensure proper use and stewardship of public money and resources, and provide for public accountability.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Legislature
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/09/2026 - House Calendar
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
 01/22/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
 01/30/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
 02/09/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.
Scheduled: 02/11/2026—House Calendar, 11:00 a.m., House Chamber
Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB3
Sponsors: Maestas (D26); Herndon (D28)
Title: DEFINITION OF “HARM TO SELF” AND “HARM TO OTHERS”
Summary: (Governor’s Message 3) (Similar to 2025 SB166 and 2024 SS SB9) Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code and the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Act to change the standard for imposing civil commitment or assisted outpatient treatment in New Mexico by redefining “harm to self” and “harm to others.” The new definitions expand the criteria beyond the commission or threat of certain criminal behaviors to include other facets of self-protection. The changes affect how courts, clinicians, and others apply standards for civil commitment and court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment.
Subjects: Health and Medical Practice; Human Services; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 2nd House: Passed
Status: 02/09/2026 - Passed in the House
History: 01/20/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/20/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/20/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/22/2026—S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Judiciary.
 01/23/2026—S Opened for floor debate.
 01/23/2026—S Passed 37-3.
 01/27/2026—H Received in the House and referred to House Judiciary.

02/05/2026—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Judiciary.
 02/09/2026—H Opened for floor debate.
 02/09/2026—H Note: Floor amendment 1 (Rep. Cates) withdrawn by sponsor.
 02/09/2026—H Passed 58-10.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: A member of the public informed the committee that the bill was in HJC; in past years, the harm-to-self bill had been more involved, but this year it was cleaned up and narrower. DPS noted that this was one of the Governor’s top priorities, and that it would help those who need help. A public member noted that while the bill does not amend criminal law, it is an aspect of criminal competency; judges will look at this legislation when trying to decide on the issue of dangerousness of a person; there are concerns that this legislation will sweep people into involuntary treatment. Upon a motion by DPS, seconded by NMCD, the committee voted to support this legislation (6 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS, NMCD, and two public members; 4 against – LOPD and three public members; 2 abstentions – District Court Judge and Magistrate Judge).

Bill: SB17
Sponsors: O'Malley (D13); Romero, A. (D46)
Title: STOP ILLEGAL GUN TRADE AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS WEAPONS ACT
Summary: ANALYSIS for INTRODUCED VERSION: (NMLR Note: According to LCS Director Shawna Casebrier: “Only bills that are formally introduced are considered official Senate bills and as a result, the introduced version may differ from the prefiled version.” A subsequent comparison of the two bills disclosed major differences exist in the penalty provisions as explained below.
Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; Criminal Code; Business, Manufacturing and Economic Development; Public Safety and Corrections; Indians
Progress: 2nd House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/09/2026 - House Commerce and Economic Development Committee
History: 01/22/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/23/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/29/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 01/29/2026—S Note: Sen. Scott moves SB17 be remanded back to SHPAC after lengthy debate; motion to adopt SHPAC committee report upheld 25 - 15..
 02/05/2026—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Judiciary.
 02/07/2026—S Opened for floor debate.
 02/07/2026—S Floor amendments failed (Amendment 1) (Sen. Crystal Brantley) Roll Call 15-22.
 02/07/2026—S Floor amendments failed (Amendment 2) (Sen. Jay Block) Roll Call 15-23.
 02/07/2026—S Note: Audio: (Amendment 2) (Sen. Jay Block) Roll Call 15-23.
 02/07/2026—S Passed 21-17.
 02/09/2026—H Received in the House and referred to House Commerce & Economic Development.
 02/09/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
Scheduled: 02/11/2026—House Commerce and Economic Development Committee, 1:30 p.m., Room 317
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB31
Sponsors: Sedillo Lopez (D16)
Title: U VISA CERTIFICATION ACT
Summary: (Identical to 2025 SB177; similar to 2023 SB350) Cited as the U Visa Certification Act, the bill is directed at agencies of local,

state, and tribal government, including law enforcement and the courts, who assume the status of being a certifying agency for purposes of certifying to the federal Homeland Security Department whether an immigrant who is the victim of a crime has been helpful in assisting the government agency in conducting its investigation of the crime.

Subjects: Civil Rights; Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections; Indians; Family and Juveniles
Related: 2025:SB177; 2023:SB350
Progress: 2nd House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/11/2026 - House Calendar
History: 01/21/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/11/2026—H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Education.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB32
Sponsors: Berghmans (D15)
Title: HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN
Summary: (Governor's Message 7) The bill amends several sections of the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Act to bring greater stringency to the prosecution of crimes related to human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children. It clarifies when the six-year statute of limitations for second degree human trafficking begins to run; raises the age limit for victims of sexual exploitation of children from 16 to 18; eliminates certain defenses to that crime; broadens the legal definition and elements of the crime of human trafficking; provides additional protections for victims of trafficking and limits certain defenses; and restricts earned meritorious deductions from sentencing for persons convicted of human trafficking.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections; Family and Juveniles
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/02/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/21/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/22/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/02/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Health and Public Affairs.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: DPS noted that this was a Governor's bill; they sit on the Organized Crime Commission and have learned that this is a problem; there is nothing more despicable than people who commit these crimes. A public member noted that adding victims of these crimes to the Victims of Crime Act makes sense; they also noted that while human trafficking is a serious offense, but by expanding the definition of the crime so broadly, it dilutes the thrust of the human trafficking crime; additionally, there were concerns with the reduction of the mens rea to should have known from actual knowledge; the overall concern is that the changes cast the net too widely. Upon a motion by DPS, seconded by NMCD, the committee voted to support this legislation (6 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS, NMCD, and two public members; 3 against – LOPD and two public members; 3 abstentions – District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge, and a public member).

Bill: SB35
Sponsors: Trujillo (D24)
Title: CREATE ADDITIONAL FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS
Summary: (Governor's Senate Executive Message 49) Increases the number of district judges in the First Judicial District (Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba counties) from 10 to 11. Appropriates

\$451,400 (GF) to the Administrative Office of the Courts for use in FY2027 to cover the costs of a new judgeship, including salary and benefits for the judge and staff, furniture, equipment, and supplies.

Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Appropriations
Progress: 2nd House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/11/2026 - House Judiciary Committee
History: 01/21/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
 01/30/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/05/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
 02/09/2026—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Finance.
 02/10/2026—S Opened for floor debate.
 02/10/2026—S Passed 37-0.
 02/11/2026—H Received in the House and referred to House Judiciary.

Comments: Meeting of 27 Jan 26: AOC noted that the intent was for a judge to handle complex medical malpractice and wrongful death. LOPD and AODA both reiterated their concern that a new judgeship in a judicial district often means more work for their offices. District Judge noted that the First Judicial District gets a large caseload of complex litigation like medical malpractice and wrongful death cases. There was some conversation among committee members about whether the docket for the new judge was specified and the merits of that. Upon a motion by LOPD, seconded by DPS, the committee voted unanimously to table the bill until its subsequent meeting.

Meeting of 3 Feb 26: The committee reconsidered this legislation. Upon a motion by District Court Judge, seconded by DPS, the committee voted unanimously to support this legislation, with the condition that the committee felt the Legislature should provide additional support to the DAs and PDs in the First Judicial District to help those offices to absorb their additional workload.

Bill: SB40
Sponsors: Wirth (D25); Chandler (D43)
Title: LAW ENFORCEMENT: PROHIBITS SHARING OF LICENSE PLATE READER INFORMATION
Summary: (Governor's Message 19) Adds a new section to Chapter 29 relating to Law Enforcement to prohibit the sharing of information acquired by automatic license plate readers (ALPR) to any state or local jurisdiction for the purpose of 1) immigration enforcement; 2) investigation or prosecution of activities that are legal in New Mexico, including protected health care activities; and 3) efforts to impose civil or criminal liability for activities protected by the federal or state Constitutions. Places other restraints and conditions on use or sharing of such information. Safeguards information acquired by ALPR as confidential and not considered a public record subject to requests for inspection. Requires law enforcement agencies that use ALPR to report certain data quarterly to the Attorney General.
Subjects: Public Safety and Corrections; State Affairs and State Agencies; Civil Rights; Health and Medical Practice; Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/10/2026 - Senate Calendar
History: 01/21/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Tax, Business & Transportation.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/26/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/30/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Tax, Business & Transportation.
 02/10/2026—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Judiciary.

Scheduled: 02/11/2026—Senate Calendar, 11:00 a.m., Senate Chamber
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB41
Sponsors: Charley (R30)
Title: ELIMINATES STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON SEXUAL CRIMES
Summary: (Governor's Message 13) Amends the Criminal Code to eliminate the statute of limitations for specific sexual crimes, allowing prosecution for those crimes to begin at any time. Revises the "tolling" rule (pausing the clock) in cases that involve abandonment or abuse of a child until the victim reaches the age of 18 or the crime is reported to a law enforcement agency, whichever is earliest.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections; Courts and Civil Matters
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/02/2026 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/21/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/23/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/02/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Health and Public Affairs.
Scheduled: 02/11/2026—Senate Judiciary Committee, 1:30 p.m. or 30 minutes after floor session, Room 321
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB43
Sponsors: Jaramillo, L. (D5)
Title: PAROLE CHANGES; HOMICIDE HEARINGS
Summary: (Governor's Senate Executive Message 28) (Similar to 2025 SB17) Amends the factors affecting parole of an inmate sentenced to life imprisonment. Sets standards for scheduling parole hearings involving homicide convictions. Authorizes per diem and mileage for parole board members.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Related: 2025:SB17
Progress: 2nd House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/11/2026 - House Judiciary Committee
History: 01/21/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/26/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/03/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 02/07/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.
 02/10/2026—S Opened for floor debate.
 02/10/2026—S Passed 36-0.
 02/11/2026—H Received in the House and referred to House Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: NMCD noted that the version of this bill that was considered last year removed some of the appointment power of the Executive; that has been put back this year; the Parole Board does a lot of work, for which they are not adequately compensated; this makes it difficult to hold and retain members, and when the membership numbers on the Parole Board drop, that increases the work for the remaining members significantly. A public member noted that they used to be on the Parole Board, and that the materials took a few days to read through, but the compensation was only per diem for the day of the meeting. LOPD noted that they were impressed with the work of the Parole Board and support increasing their compensation. A public member noted that it was good to put these considerations into statute, that under the present model the first Parole Board meeting tends to be static, and the second one is the true opportunity to have a proper hearing as the person

before the Parole Board knows better what will be required, which could help increase the chances of someone being found eligible for parole. AODA noted that they were concerned about the impact on victims, and that the language in the bill seems to encourage the Parole Board to release people, which prevents them from supporting the bill. Upon a motion by NMCD, seconded by a public member, the committee voted to support this legislation (10 to support – Chair, DPS, LOPD, NMCD, Magistrate Judge, and five public members; 1 against – AODA; 1 abstention – District Court Judge).

Bill: SB51
Sponsors: Sedillo Lopez (D16)
Title: WRONGFUL CONVICTION COMPENSATION ACT
Summary: (Related to 2025 SB407) Cited as the "Wrongful Conviction Compensation Act," the bill provides a process for a person wrongfully convicted of a misdemeanor or felony to petition for exoneration and obtain compensation and other relief. Creates the Wrongful Conviction Compensation Fund. Appropriates \$9 million (GF, nonreverting) to the Fund for use in FY2027 and subsequent years.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Appropriations; Civil Rights; Courts and Civil Matters
Related: 2025:SB407
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/21/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/21/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB56
Sponsors: Padilla (D14)
Title: CYFD ABOLISHED; CHILD WELFARE AUTHORITY CREATED
Summary: (See 2026 HB86; similar to 2025 SB486) Government Reorganization. Replaces the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) with the Child Welfare Authority (Authority)—as an adjunct agency governed by an appointed board—and transfers all the powers, duties, assets (money, property, contracts) and statutory references from CYFD to the CWA.
Subjects: State Affairs and State Agencies; Family and Juveniles; Courts and Civil Matters; Public Safety and Corrections; Appropriations
Related: 2026:HB86; 2025:SB486
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/21/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/21/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Rules.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB57
Sponsors: Sedillo Lopez (D16)
Title: POLICE OFFICER IDENTITY, IMPERSONATION & IMMIGRATION
Summary: Amends the Criminal Code to create the crimes of unlawful concealing and aggravated unlawful concealing of the identity of a police officer, to clarify that the crime of impersonating a peace officer includes federal, state or local salaried officer; and to place restrictions on how persons, such as bail bondsmen, who are authorized to apprehend a person who fails to appear for a bail bond hearing may represent themselves.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/21/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/21/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

Comments: 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB74
Sponsors: Brandt (R40)
Title: DOG FIGHTING AND COCKFIGHTING CRIMES AND PENALTIES
Summary: Proposes to amend the Criminal Code provisions against dog fighting and cockfighting by rewriting Section 30-18-9, taken as a whole, to make crimes and penalties related to dog fights and cockfights equivalent under the law, and removes the escalating penalties for dog and cockfighting.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Public Safety and Corrections; Natural Resources (Parks and Wildlife)
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/22/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/22/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB80
Sponsors: Sedillo Lopez (D16)
Title: BROADEN DEFINITION OF "ABUSE"; PROTECTION OF ANIMALS
Summary: Amends the Family Violence Protection Act to replace the term "domestic abuse" with "abuse" and broadens the conduct that constitutes abuse for the purpose of an order of protection (including threats related to immigration status). Also addresses possession and care of animals in an order of protection.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/22/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/22/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB85
Sponsors: Sedillo Lopez (D16)
Title: MILITARY AFFAIRS: DOMESTIC AND CHILD ABUSE REPORTING
Summary: (Identical to 2025 SB373) Establishes a process in the New Mexico Children's Code for reporting incidents of child abuse, neglect, or domestic abuse that involve U. S. military personnel to military authorities.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Veterans and Military Affairs; Family and Juveniles
Related: 2025:SB373
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/22/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/22/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB86
Sponsors: Brantley (R35); Reeb (R64)
Title: EXPANDS TELEPHONE THREAT CRIME TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION
Summary: (Governor's Senate Executive Message 33) (Duplicate of 2026 HB58, related to 2025 HB287) Amends the Criminal Code's crime of use of a telephone to terrify, threaten, harass, annoy, or offend to include electronic communication, including text messages and social media.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections

Related: 2026:HB58
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/05/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/22/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
01/27/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
02/05/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Health and Public Affairs.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB90
Sponsors: Sedillo Lopez (D16)
Title: DEFINING "CREDIBLE THREATS" IN DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES
Summary: This Senate Bill makes a series of clarifying changes to New Mexico's domestic violence law, particularly by including a specific definition of when a perpetrator of alleged domestic abuse poses a "credible threat" to someone with whom they live.
Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; Courts and Civil Matters; Family and Juveniles
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/22/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/22/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB94
Sponsors: Sedillo Lopez (D16)
Title: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TREATMENT, INTERVENTION AND TOUGHER SANCTIONS
Summary: Relates to domestic violence sanctions. Adds to the list of domestic violence-related convictions that can lead to mandatory treatment or intervention, or that can lead to prison time if someone violates their probation following a suspended or deferred sentence.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/22/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/22/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB95
Sponsors: Brandt (R40)
Title: HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION: ANTISEMITIC DISCRIMINATION
Summary: (Almost identical to 2025 SB195) Creates a new section of the Human Rights Act to define "antisemitic" and to prohibit antisemitic discrimination by any person, employer, labor organization, public accommodation, or public body or its employees or contractors. Provides that an aggrieved person may file a claim for unlawful discriminatory practices based on antisemitic discrimination using the Human Rights Act's complaint process.
Subjects: Civil Rights
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/22/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/22/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.

Comments: 01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB100
Sponsors: Nava (D9)
Title: BROADENING DEFINITION OF BURGLARY
Summary: (Governor's Message 10) Senate Bill 100 broadens New Mexico's definition of a burglary to include intrusion into any "other structure," not just vehicles and homes.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 2nd House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/09/2026 - House Judiciary Committee
History: 01/22/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
 01/23/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/29/2026—S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Judiciary.
 02/02/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Finance.
 02/04/2026—S Opened for floor debate.
 02/04/2026—S Floor amendments adopted (Amendment 1) (Sen. Katy Duhigg) Voice Vote.
 02/04/2026—S Passed 32-4.
 02/05/2026—H Received in the House and referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.
 02/05/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
 02/09/2026—H Reported Do Pass by House Consumer & Public Affairs.

Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: DPS noted that the Governor supports this bill as a needed fix to the definition of a dwelling in the statute. A public member noted that while the SJC substitute for SB 100 was better than the original, and the focus on structure brings that definition in line with case law, it is concerning that the definition has been expanded to an outdoor space, which blurs the crimes of burglary, attempted burglary, and trespass. AODA noted that under present law, if you have a lawn mower in your garage with the door open, it is burglary, but if it is in your car port, it would not necessarily be – SB 100 remedies this difference. Upon a motion by DPS, seconded by NMCD, the committee narrowly voted to support this legislation (5 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS, NMCD, and a public member; 4 against – LOPD, and three public members; 3 abstentions – District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge, and a public member).

Bill: SB102
Sponsors: Brandt (R40)
Title: PENALTIES FOR INJURY TO DOGS AND HORSES USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT
Summary: Senate Bill 102 imposes enhanced criminal penalties for injury to or harassment of a police dog, police horse, fire dog, or search-and-rescue dog, as follows:
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/23/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/23/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/23/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/23/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB103
Sponsors: Pope (D23)
Title: UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT OF AN AIRCRAFT
Summary: Senate Bill 103 clarifies the definition of "unlawful interference with the flight of an aircraft," including using a laser for such interference, and adds enhanced penalties for subsequent offenses and for interference that results in harm to a person on the aircraft.

Subjects: Criminal Code; Transportation
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/23/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/23/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/23/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/23/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB111
Sponsors: Sedillo Lopez (D16)
Title: EXPANDS DRIVER'S LICENSE PRIVACY PROTECTIONS
Summary: (Governor's Senate Executive Message 50) Senate Bill 111 amends the Motor Vehicle Code to protect the disclosure of a person's sex, gender, immigration status or home country.
Subjects: Transportation; Civil Rights
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/07/2026 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee
History: 01/23/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/23/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 01/23/2026—S Also referred to Senate Tax, Business & Transportation.
 02/02/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/07/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Health and Public Affairs.
Scheduled: 02/12/2026—Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee, 1:30 p.m. or 30 minutes after floor session, Room 321
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB136
Sponsors: Munoz (D4); Campos (D8)
Title: NO DRONES NEAR 'CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE'
Summary: (Governor's Senate Executive Message 42) Senate Bill 136 makes it a crime to use a drone to record a person or "critical infrastructure" like pipelines, electric grids or prisons; or to even fly a drone near such infrastructure.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Business, Manufacturing and Economic Development; Public Safety and Corrections; Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 01/29/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/26/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/26/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/26/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
 01/29/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: NMCD noted that there has been an increased use of drones to smuggle drugs and weapons into prisons; this bill would allow NMCD to protect that airspace. DPS noted that they sit on the Organized Crime Commission and have seen the problems that drones are causing, particularly with potential risks to security and critical infrastructure; the range and capabilities of drones present an extraordinary challenge to national security. Chair noted that they know of two instances where drones were used to track Native Americans to sacred grounds so that they could be discovered and accessed by outsiders. A public members said that while the discussion was important, they could not support the creation of a new crime; a regulatory approach might be better rather than creating a separate crime for this behavior; there are other statutes, such as prohibitions on contraband in prisons, trespass, or voyeurism, that could cover this behavior; if the goal is to have authority over the airspace, then civil law is all that is needed. A public member agreed that we need to look to existing law rather than create a new crime, and that creating a new crime will not achieve anything; they suggested that NMCD look at these types of laws that are already on the books. Upon a motion by NMCD,

seconded by DPS, the committee voted to support this legislation (7 to support – Chair, AODA, DPS, NMCD, and three public members; 1 against – a public member; 4 abstentions – LOPD, District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge, and a public member).

for prison time. A motion to support this legislation was made by DPS, seconded by NMCD, failed (3 to support – AODA, DPS, and NMCD; 5 against – LOPD, and four public members; 4 abstentions – Chair, District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge, and a public member).

Bill: SB147
Sponsors: Maestas (D26)
Title: MORE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND DIVERSION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
Summary: Senate Bill 147 expands the pool of young people who can receive prevention, intervention and diversion services paid for by the state’s Juvenile Community Corrections Grant Fund.
Subjects: Human Services; Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/26/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/26/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/26/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/26/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: NMSC Executive Director noted that this was the bill that was drafted by the NMSC Juvenile Committee; the bill had been endorsed by the full Commission, but after that endorsement the Juvenile Committee decided to remove the review panels, and there was not time to go back to the full Commission for another endorsement vote after the Juvenile Committee settled on this draft. A public member noted that the panels in statute are not being used, and if they were it could take an additional two to three weeks to get services to the kids who need them. Upon a motion by a public member, seconded by another public member, the committee voted to support this legislation (8 to support – Chair, LOPD, Magistrate Judge, and five public members; 0 against; 4 abstentions – AODA, DPS, NMCD, and District Court Judge).

Bill: SB165
Sponsors: Trujillo (D24)
Title: DELINQUENCY ACT CHANGES
Summary: (Governor’s Senate Executive Message 20) Senate Bill 165 amends the Delinquency Act to redefine the offenses that merit the label of “serious youthful offender” and “youthful offender.” It creates the Juvenile Probation Services as an office in the Juvenile Justice Division with the Children, Youth & Family Department (CYFD) to carry out the duties currently assigned to the Juvenile Probation and Parole Services and to hire juvenile probation officers. It streamlines detention hearings and disposition procedures and provides lengthened standard terms of commitment for a delinquent child or youthful offender. Finally, it modifies the Juvenile Community Corrections Grant Fund to focus on “justice-involved youth.”
Subjects: Family and Juveniles; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections; Indians
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 01/28/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/27/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/27/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/27/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
 01/28/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
Scheduled: 02/11/2026—Senate Judiciary Committee, 1:30 p.m. or 30 minutes after floor session, Room 321
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: A public member noted that they were concerned that some people just seem to want to lock kids up for a long time; that in their experience, kids involved with homicides basically received life sentences already; that in re Gault established that kids are not thinking about consequences when they commit crimes, but still can end up in prison for long periods of time; that harsher penalties and punishments for kids will not deter anyone, but will serve to further criminalize kids; that the state has failed to address the root issues around why children commit crimes; and that punishment is the easy route to take but it won’t deter anything. Another public member noted that there were concerns at CYFD about holding offenders until they were 25, which would necessitate \$12 million to bring an additional facility on line, and that the bill carries no appropriation; that the bill incorporates supervised release from HB 434 from the last Session; and that it includes changes to the Juvenile Community Corrections Act similar to SB 147, the NMSC bill, but keeps the panels. NMCD noted that there were discussion to modify that age range. A member of the public attending the meeting noted that the Council of State Governments did a deep dive into the juvenile justice system in New Mexico, but none of their recommendations were included in this bill. Various members of the committee noted that there were amendments being considered for this bill. Upon a motion by a public member, seconded by another public member, the committee voted unanimously to table this piece of legislation until the committee’s next meeting.

Bill: SB160
Sponsors: Maestas (D26)
Title: DOUBLING THE ADDITIONAL PENALTY FOR USING A GUN WHILE COMMITTING A CRIME
Summary: Senate Bill 160 doubles the additional penalty added onto a basic prison sentence when someone uses, brandishes or fires a gun while committing a crime.
Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 01/28/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/27/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/27/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/27/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
 01/28/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: DPS noted that this is a Governor’s bill; that it was important to have an enhancement to statutes involving gun violence; and that we need to hold accountable those who use firearms in crimes, particularly drug traffickers. A public member noted that this would be the third penalty increase for this statute since 2020; that we should keep in mind that this law does not address the crime that was committed with the firearm; that if the defendant is a felon, they will be subject to the felon in possession enhancement; that they understand the desire to punish gun crimes harshly, but they already are severely punished; finally, it is too soon to revisit this crime again as we do not know whether all of the recent changes have had any effect. A member of the public attending the meeting noted, in terms of the severity of the present statute, that they had a client who was 18 and due to the enhancements in this statute ended up with 18 years in prison for their first felony offense; and that it would be interesting to see whether the data on the use of this statute supports whether there is an impact on public safety. There was some discussion of how the statute adds mandatory time to the person’s sentence, but is not mandatory

for prison time. A motion to support this legislation was made by DPS, seconded by NMCD, failed (3 to support – AODA, DPS, and NMCD; 5 against – LOPD, and four public members; 4 abstentions – Chair, District Court Judge, Magistrate Judge, and a public member).

Bill: SB167
Sponsors: Maestas (D26)
Title: DOUBLING SENTENCES FOR CARRYING DEADLY WEAPONS AT SCHOOL
Summary: (Governor’s Senate Executive Message 39) Senate Bill 167 doubles the potential prison sentence for being convicted of unlawfully carrying a deadly weapon at a school.
Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; Schools and Teachers; Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 01/29/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 01/27/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's

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 01/27/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 01/27/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
 01/29/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's
 Committee.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB180
Sponsors: Lopez (D11)
Title: CAMERAS BANNED IN JUVENILE DETENTION SHOWERS AND BATHROOMS
Summary: (Identical to 2025 Senate Bill 322) Senate Bill 180 regulates strip searches in juvenile detention facilities, and bans cameras from their shower and toilet areas.
Subjects: County Affairs; Family and Juveniles; Civil Rights
Related: 2025:SB322
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/28/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/28/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/28/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 01/28/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB206
Sponsors: Gallegos, David (R41)
Title: RELINQUISHMENT OF AN INFANT IN A SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX
Summary: (Similar to 2025 SB499) SB206 permits a parent to relinquish an infant in a safe haven baby box or with the staff of a safe haven site without being subject to criminal prosecution for abandonment or abuse if certain conditions are met. Provides for termination of parental rights. Grants immunity to a safe haven site with a safe haven baby box, and to its staff, from liability for accepting an infant in compliance with the Safe Haven for Infants Act.
Subjects: Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections; State Affairs and State Agencies
Related: 2025:SB499
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/30/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 01/30/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 01/30/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 01/30/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 3 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB214
Sponsors: Munoz (D4)
Title: PENALTY ASSESSMENT HIKES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE & BOAT CODE VIOLATIONS
Summary: Increases the penalty for more than 150 reckless driving, careless driving, and "penalty misdemeanor penalties" under the Motor Vehicle Code and the Boat Act. The highest monetary increases apply to reckless and careless driving, particularly for repeat offenders. The majority of the increases apply to the "penalty misdemeanor category" and range from an increase of \$75-\$250 for over a hundred offenses.
Subjects: Transportation; Criminal Code; Taxation, Fees and Audits; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/04/2026 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee
History: 02/02/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/02/2026—S Also referred to Senate Tax, Business & Transportation.
 02/02/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/04/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.

Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: There was some discussion around whether this bill would undo the fines and fees reform the NMSC had spearheaded a few years ago; it was determined that the bill just concerns fines, not fees. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB221
Sponsors: Townsend (R34)
Title: OIL AND GAS ORGANIZED CRIME
Summary: Senate Bill 221 makes it a felony to unlawfully buy, sell, transport or otherwise possess oil products or oil and gas equipment, and allows state prosecutors to pursue organized crime in the oil and gas industry.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Business, Manufacturing and Economic Development
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/04/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 02/03/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/03/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/03/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
 02/04/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB227
Sponsors: Ramos (D28); Terrazas (R39)
Title: PUBLIC REGISTRY FOR CONVICTIONS FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
Summary: SB227 adds a section to the Criminal Code establishing a public registry for every person 18 years of age or older who is convicted of cruelty to animals and extreme cruelty to animals.
Subjects: County Affairs; Public Safety and Corrections; Criminal Code
Progress: Introduced
Status: 02/03/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 02/03/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/03/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 02/03/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: LOPD noted that the few cases of animal cruelty that they have seen involved people with severe behavioral health issues. A public member added that the registration component does not makes sense for these crimes; SORNA was enacted in response to 1980s data on recidivism of sex offenders; cruelty to animals crimes generally involve people who cannot afford to take care of their own animals, or have behavioral health issues that manifest with their own pets; there is no general danger to the public. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB232
Sponsors: Brantley (R35)
Title: COURT DETERMINATION OF COMPETENCY OF A CHILD
Summary: Proposes a new process to govern how a court shall determine the competency of a person under age 18. The question may be raised by the court or either party. The court has discretion to order an evaluation if it finds a compelling reason do so. There is a presumption that a child defendant is competent. If the court orders a determination, the child shall be evaluated by an independent child psychologist the court recognizes as an expert. The section establishes what the determination must include.
Subjects: Family and Juveniles; Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code
Progress: Introduced
Status: 02/03/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 02/03/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/03/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 02/03/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: A public member noted that the bill is

unclear as to what form of competency it is talking about, whether civil or criminal. Another public member noted that the bill would completely change the standard of competency to stand trial, and would place limits on the professionals in this area. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB239
Sponsors: Cervantes (D31)
Title: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONTINUING SENTENCING
Summary: (Governor's Senate Executive Message 41) Senate Bill 239 amends Sec. 30-31-23 of the Controlled Substances Act to give the courts continuing authority over sentencing when a person's sentence for possession is suspended or deferred and the person later violates probation conditions. Specifically, the bill provides that, if a person's sentence was suspended or deferred in whole or in part and the person violates any condition of probation, the court may impose any sentence that the court could have originally imposed, and credit shall not be given for time served by the person on probation.
Subjects: Cannabis/Controlled Substances; Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections; Family and Juveniles
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/04/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee
History: 02/03/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/03/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/03/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
 02/04/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.
Scheduled: 02/11/2026—Senate Judiciary Committee, 1:30 p.m. or 30 minutes after floor session, Room 321
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB245
Sponsors: Brantley (R35)
Title: CRIME OF INDECENT EXPOSURE TO A CHILD OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW
Summary: Adds a section to the Criminal Code to create a new crime of indecent exposure to a child out of public view, and designates the crime as a fourth degree felony.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: Introduced
Status: 02/03/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 02/03/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/03/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/03/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB250
Sponsors: Maestas (D26)
Title: IGNITION INTERLOCK FOR REVOKED LICENSE
Summary: Senate Bill 250 requires people who lose their driving privileges and continue to drive anyway to install a device on their car's ignition that prevents someone from driving while intoxicated.
Subjects: Courts and Civil Matters; Transportation; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/04/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 02/04/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Tax, Business & Transportation.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB255
Sponsors: Block, Jay (D12)
Title: FENTANYL EXPOSURE PUNISHABLE BY MANDATORY THREE DECADES IN PRISON
Summary: Senate Bill 255 requires that someone convicted of trafficking

Subjects: fentanyl resulting in death is guilty of first-degree murder and must serve 30 years in prison.
 Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections; Cannabis/Controlled Substances
Progress: Introduced
Status: 02/04/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 02/04/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: A public member noted that from a policy perspective, that this would be unique as it would be the only significant felony without a mens rea requirement or proximate cause; additionally, the bill amends by reference, as it calls trafficking of fentanyl first degree murder without also amending the first degree murder statute. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB256
Sponsors: Block, Jay (D12)
Title: UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH AIRCRAFT FLIGHT AND OPERATIONS
Summary: SB256 changes state aviation law to redefine the fourth degree felony of interference with the flight and operation of an aircraft. The bill adds using a laser to the existing offense of unlawful interference which prohibits shooting a firearm or launching a missile, projectile, or other object into flight to strike or collide with a flying aircraft or aviation support system. The Criminal Procedure Act is amended to include a penalty of five years imprisonment for the crime of unlawful interference with aircraft flight or operations.
Subjects: Transportation; State Affairs and State Agencies; Criminal Code
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/04/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 02/04/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB259
Sponsors: Sharer (R1)
Title: THREATENING POLICE OR THEIR FAMILIES A FOURTH-DEGREE FELONY
Summary: Senate Bill 259 creates extra protections for police officers and their loved ones against threats of violence or the sharing of their addresses, location or contact information.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections
Progress: Introduced
Status: 02/04/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 02/04/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB303
Sponsors: Sedillo Lopez (D16)
Title: NO USE OF STATE FUNDS FOR CONCEALED-IDENTITY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
Summary: (Duplicate of 2026 HB328) SB303 prohibits the use of Department of Public Safety funds for joint operations with federal law enforcement officers or other federal agents who conceal their identity while exercising law enforcement authority. The same prohibition applies to local governments receiving state public safety funds. Provides penalties.
Subjects: Public Safety and Corrections; Civil Rights; Courts and Civil Matters; County Affairs; Municipalities/City Government
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/04/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 02/04/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.

02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SB311
Sponsors: Scott (R42)
Title: LONGER PRISON SENTENCES AND NEW CRIMES FOR VIOLENT HARMS BY CHILDREN
Summary: (Related to 2026 House Bill 125) Senate Bill 311 doubles or triples the potential prison sentences for the existing crimes of assault, aggravated assault, battery and aggravated battery on a school employee, and creates new violent crimes specifically committed on a school campus.
Subjects: Schools and Teachers; Criminal Code; Family and Juveniles; Public Safety and Corrections
Related: 2026:HB125
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/04/2026 - Senate Committee's Committee
History: 02/04/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: LOPD noted that there are concerns with “school campus” not being defined, and that passage of this bill could mean going after children. A public member added that there were serious concerns with creating a serious youthful offender for this crime. No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SJR6
Sponsors: Cervantes (D31)
Title: CA: ALLOW COURT TO DENY BAIL FOR RISKY FELONY DEFENDANTS
Summary: Proposes an amendment to Art. 2, Sec. 13 of the Constitution to allow a court to deny bail for a person charged with a felony if the person poses an unreasonable risk to the safety of any other person or the community or if the person is an unreasonable flight risk.
Subjects: Constitutional Issues and Amendments; Public Safety and Corrections; Courts and Civil Matters
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/02/2026 - Senate Rules Committee
History: 02/02/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Rules.
 02/02/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
Scheduled: 02/13/2026—Senate Rules Committee, 9:00 a.m., Room 321
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SM17
Sponsors: Lopez (D11)
Title: TASKFORCE TO STUDY PROCESSING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS
Summary: Requests the Secretary of Public Safety and the executive director of NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs convene a taskforce to study the current state of sexual assault kits in NM and the progress made on processing backlogged kits. The taskforce will meet beginning in July 2026 and provide reports to the interim legislative committee dealing with courts, corrections, and justice issues and the legislative health and human services committee. Reports will include updates and the taskforce’s recommendations on the following:
Subjects: Human Services; Public Safety and Corrections; Interim Studies and Interim Committees
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 02/04/2026 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee
History: 02/02/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Rules.
 02/02/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
 02/04/2026—S Reported Do Pass by Senate Rules.
Scheduled: 02/11/2026—Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee, 1:30 p.m. or 30 minutes after floor session, Room 311
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: No action was taken on this legislation.

Bill: SM20
Sponsors: Lopez (D11)
Title: YOUTH VIOLENCE SUMMIT
Summary: Requests that the Department of Health convene a youth violence summit to develop a comprehensive approach to mitigate youth violence, strengthen public safety and improve youth and community outcomes and to develop a strategy to expand community violence prevention and intervention services.
Subjects: Health and Medical Practice; Family and Juveniles; Interim Studies and Interim Committees
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/04/2026 - Senate Rules Committee
History: 02/04/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Rules.
 02/04/2026—S Also referred to Senate Health and Public Affairs.
Scheduled: 02/13/2026—Senate Rules Committee, 9:00 a.m., Room 321
Comments: Meeting of 10 Feb 26: A public member noted that there have been many bills introduced concerning juvenile violent crimes, and that convening a group to discuss the state’s approach to these crimes would be helpful, though the timeline in the memorial is aggressive; it might help to get people on the same page. Another public member noted that one of the recommendations of the Council of State Governments report on juvenile justice in New Mexico was to convene this type of group. No action was taken on this legislation.