

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: 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: Introduced
Status: 01/20/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
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.

Bill: HB22
Sponsors: Chandler (D43)
Title: CRIMINAL & CIVIL TORT ACTIONS: SENSITIVE DEEPPFAKE 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 content, as well as victims seeking criminal enforcement and civil damages.
Subjects: 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: 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.
Scheduled: 01/27/2026—House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee, 1:30 p.m., Room 317

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)
Title: PENALTIES FOR FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM
Summary: (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: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs 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.

Scheduled: 01/27/2026—House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee, 1:30 p.m., Room 317

Bill: **HB52**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: TECHNICAL CLEANUP: STATUTORY REFERENCES TO CRIMINAL CODE
Summary: House Bill 52 is a technical 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.
Subjects: Criminal Code; Courts and Civil Matters; Information Technology; Legislature
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.

Bill: **HB57**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: CHEMICAL ANALYST TESTIMONY BY VIDEO FOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES
Summary: (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: 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.

Bill: **HB58**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: EXPANDS TELEPHONE THREAT CRIME TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION
Summary: (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: 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.

Bill: **HB59**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: PENALTY INCREASE: SECOND DEGREE FELONY RESULTING IN DEATH
Summary: 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: 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.

Bill: **HB60**
Sponsors: Chavez (R31)
Title: DEFINITIONS: CRIMINAL OFFENSE AGAINST PEACE OFFICER
Summary: (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: 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.

Bill: **HB61**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: PENALTY INCREASE: AGGRAVATED BATTERY UPON PEACE OFFICER
Summary: (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: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Found Germane by Speaker pursuant to House Executive Message.
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 01/22/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.
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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: 01/27/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

Bill: **HB72**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: CRIMINAL PENALTY: DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO MINOR
Summary: 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: 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.

Bill: **HB73**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: LIMITS COURT'S AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND OR DEFER SENTENCES
Summary: 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: 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.

Bill: **HB74**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: HABITUAL OFFENDER SENTENCING
Summary: 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: 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.

Bill: **HB75**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: EVIDENCE TO MITIGATE BASIC CRIMINAL SENTENCE
Summary: 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: 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.

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.

Bill: **HB79**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: LOWER STANDARD OF PROOF TO REVOKE PROBATION FOR DELINQUENT YOUTH
Summary: (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: 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.

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.

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.

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: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs 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.

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.

Bill: **HB125**
Sponsors: Reeb (R64)
Title: PROSECUTING MORE CHILDREN AS ADULTS

Summary: (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: 01/22/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

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.

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: 01/22/2026 - House Rules and Order of Business Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

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.

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: Proposed for introduction
Status: 01/15/2026 - Prefiled in the House

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.
Scheduled: 01/27/2026—House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee, 1:30 p.m., Room 317

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: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
 01/22/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

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: Proposed for introduction
Status: 01/02/2026 - Prefiled in the House

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: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/22/2026 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee
History: 01/22/2026—H Introduced and referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.
 01/22/2026—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

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: 1st House: Passed
Status: 01/23/2026 - Passed in the Senate
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.

Bill: SB17
Sponsors: O'Malley (D13); Romero, A. (D46)
Title: STOP ILLEGAL GUN TRADE AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS WEAPONS ACT
Summary: (Governor's Senate Executive Message 9) Creates the Stop Illegal Gun Trade and Extremely Dangerous Weapons Act to require licensed firearms dealer security measures to prevent theft and loss of firearms; employee training; records maintenance; and reporting of crime gun traces, multiple firearm sales, thefts, and losses. Prohibits the sale or transfer of certain specified dangerous weapons to an unlicensed person. Prescribes penalties.
Subjects: Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Products; Criminal Code; Business, Manufacturing and Economic Development; Public Safety and Corrections; Indians
Progress: 1st House: Reported from Committees
Status: 01/23/2026 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee
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 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.

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: 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 Health and Public Affairs.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

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: 01/22/2026 - 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.
 01/22/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.

Bill: SB35
Sponsors: Trujillo (D24)
Title: NEW JUDGE FOR FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Summary: 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: 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.

Bill: SB40
Sponsors: Wirth (D25); Chandler (D43)
Title: LAW ENFORCEMENT: PROHIBITS SHARING OF LICENSE PLATE READER INFORMATION
Summary: 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

Subjects: General.
 Public Safety and Corrections; State Affairs and State Agencies; Civil Rights; Health and Medical Practice; Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code
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 Tax, Business & Transportation.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

Bill: SB41
Sponsors: Charley (R30)
Title: ELIMINATES STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON SEXUAL CRIMES
Summary: 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: 01/23/2026 - 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.

Bill: SB43
Sponsors: Jaramillo, L. (D5)
Title: PAROLE CHANGES; HOMICIDE HEARINGS
Summary: (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: 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 Health and Public Affairs.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

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.

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.

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.
 01/21/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.

Bill: SB67
Sponsors: Brantley (R35); Armstrong, G. (R49)
Title: BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD AS PRIMARY STANDARD FOR ABUSE & NEGLECT
Summary: Establishes a best interests of the child standard as the primary and controlling standard applied to judicial and Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) actions for decisions and determinations in abuse and neglect cases. Amends the Abuse and Neglect Act to prioritize child safety. Defines “best interests of the child” and changes the definition of “aggravating circumstances” to include 10 criminal acts; and adds a definition for “aggravated physical neglect.” Requires more written findings by courts about placements and reunification decisions and ensuring zealous representation by children’s attorneys.
Subjects: State Affairs and State Agencies; Family and Juveniles; Courts and Civil Matters; Criminal Code
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.

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.

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.

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.

Bill: SB86
Sponsors: Brantley (R35); Reeb (R64)
Title: EXPANDS TELEPHONE THREAT CRIME TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION
Summary: (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: 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.

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.

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.

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.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

Bill: SB100

Sponsors: Nava (D9)

Title: BROADENING BURGLARY STATUTE

Summary: 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: 1st House: Reported from Committees

Status: 01/23/2026 - Senate Judiciary Committee

History: 01/22/2026—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.
01/22/2026—S Also referred to Senate Finance.
01/23/2026—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.

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:
Criminal Code; Public Safety and Corrections

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.

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.

Bill: SB111

Sponsors: Sedillo Lopez (D16)

Title: EXPANDS DRIVER’S LICENSE PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

Summary: 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: 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 Health and Public Affairs.
01/23/2026—S Also referred to Senate Tax, Business & Transportation.