



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

January 22, 2026

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 20

The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore
and Members of the New Mexico State Senate
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B)(2) of the New Mexico Constitution, I am authorizing for your consideration during the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, Second Session, submission of a bill bearing Legislative Council Service drafting number .232326, a bill amending the Delinquency Act; defining new terms; changing the definitions for "serious youthful offender" and "youthful offender"; providing that a Children's Court attorney may refer a child back to juvenile probation services if a petition is not filed against the child; clarifying the requirements for detaining a child before adjudication; requiring validation of and reporting on a detention risk assessment instrument; extending the standard terms of commitment for delinquent offenders; extending the standard term of commitment for youthful offenders subject to juvenile sanctions; amending the Juvenile Community Corrections Act; defining new terms; providing that qualified grantees may provide services to persons other than children or adults adjudicated pursuant to the Delinquency Act; providing that qualified grantees shall prioritize services to children or adults adjudicated pursuant to the Delinquency Act; requiring that a grantee's programs or services shall be research-based and incorporate best practices in risk reduction; making technical and conforming amendments; and repealing Section 32A-2-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 77, Section 31, as amended).

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Lujan Grisham".

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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Time: 2:42 a.m. p.m.
Date: 1-22 2026 By Lucille V. Martinez
for Chief Clerk of the Senate