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NM Legislative Scorecard 2025

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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2. HB77 SNAP Expansion (passed 36 to 0 on 3/21/2025). Enacts a new section of the Public Assistance Act requiring the New Mexico Health Care Authority to develop annual state outreach plans, and seek maximum matching funds from the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). **YES**
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3. HB12 "Extreme Risk" Firearm Confiscation (passed 23 to 15 on 3/17/2025) Amends the Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Order Act to allow law-enforcement officers to file petitions for firearm protection orders, requiring respondents to surrender all firearms immediately. **NO**
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4. SB364 Illegal Aliens as Law Enforcement Officers (passed 26 to 12 on 3/13/2025). Amends New Mexico law to expand eligibility for law-enforcement-officer appointments to noncitizens. The bill allows illegal aliens to serve as law-enforcement officers in New Mexico. **NO**
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5. SB38 Special Education Act (passed 31 to 7 on 2/27/2025). Enacts the Special Education Act, which creates the Office of Special Education within the Public Education Department. This legislation transfers federal funding to the Early Childhood Education and Care Department. **NO**
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6. SB48 Climate-Change Fund (passed 23 to 15 on 2/25/2025). Creates the Community Benefit Fund in the state treasury, administered by the Department of Finance and Administration, to fund "climate change" projects. **NO**
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