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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS 2024 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

[Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill]

| Ch Original Correction | eck all that apply: Amendment Substitute X | | Date Jan 18 Bill No : HB106s | | | |
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| Sponsor: | Reps Reeb & Lord | Agency Name and Code C Number: | | CYFD / 690 | | |
| Short | Fentanyl Exposure as Child | Person Writing | | Julie Sa | kura | |
| Title: | Abuse | Phone: 50546988 | 306 | Email | Julie.sakura@cyfd.nm.gov | |
| SECTION | NII: FISCAL IMPACT APPROPRIA | ATION (dollars in the | ousai | nds) | | |

| Appropr | iation | Recurring | Fund Affected | |
|---------|--------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| FY24 | FY25 | or Nonrecurring | | |
| | 500.0 | Recurring | General | |
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

| Estimated Revenue | | | Recurring | Fund |
|-------------------|------|------|--------------------|----------|
| FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | or Nonrecurring | Affected |
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------|------|------|------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Total | | | | | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

<u>Synopsis:</u> This bill amends the Children's Code to declare that evidence of a child being knowingly and intentionally exposed to fentanyl shall be considered prima facie evidence of child abuse.

The bill appropriates \$500.0 from the state general fund to the department of public safety for expenditure in state fiscal year 2025 to expand their investigation of child abuse and neglect cases to include cases involving fentanyl.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill appropriates \$500.0 from the state general fund to the department of public safety for expenditure in state fiscal year 2025 with any unexpended or unencumbered amount reverting.

There is no appropriation contained in this bill for CYFD. At this time, CYFD cannot predict the potential fiscal implication to CYFD. However, an increase in criminal prosecution will have a concomitant increase in CFYD caseworker involvement in court cases and will likely increase the number of investigations needed to follow up on increased law enforcement investigations.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD anticipates that this bill will result in an increased rate of criminal prosecution of parents, guardians, or legal custodians for whom evidence exists that they have knowingly and intentionally exposed their child(ren) to fentanyl, thereby increasing the need for CYFD staff and additional resources.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD's performance measures concerning permanency (e.g., reunification or adoption) will be affected by this bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Administrative implications due to an increase in CYFD caseworker involvement in court cases and investigations will need to be considered.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None proposed.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None proposed.