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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}

Check all that apply:
Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date 1/26/24
Bill No: HB254

Sponsor: Rep. Tara Jaramillo
Short CYFD & FEDERAL
Title: BENEFITS

Agency Name and Code HCA-630
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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

Synopsis: House Bill 254 (HB254) requires the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to identify if the children in its custody are eligible for federal benefits. HB254 requires the CYFD to apply for the federal benefits either as the child’s representative payee or determine an appropriate alternative. HB254 sets forth CYFD’s obligations when acting as the child’s representative payee; prohibiting the use of federal funds for the use of the child’s care, sets forth provisions for the release of federal benefits provided to the children in legal custody of the state.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Impact to HCA.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Implementation of HB254 would require an expansion of the current Memorandum of Understanding between HCA and CYFD to allow data sharing to review the child’s eligibility for federal programs administered by HCA.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None

AMENDMENTS

None