

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2024 REGULAR SESSION

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Bill No: SB166

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and Code  
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Short   HOMELESSNESS  
Title:  REDUCTION DIVISION

**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	1,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
0	\$0	\$0		

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATION BUDGET (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation

Act:

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Creates a new division, homelessness reduction division, within the Health Care Authority. The department shall be led by the director of homelessness reduction, who shall lead the state's comprehensive efforts related to homelessness prevention and serve as a policymaker and spokesperson on homelessness prevention, including coordinating the state's efforts through legislation, rules and budgets, and shall communicate with federal and local experts on issues related to homelessness.

In addition, a new task force will be created; the "interagency homelessness reduction task force" is created and is administratively attached to the department. The task force consists of the following members: the director of the homelessness reduction division of the department; the executive director of the New Mexico Finance Authority or the executive director's designee; the secretary of economic development or the secretary's designee; the secretary of finance and administration or the secretary's designee; the secretary of public education or the secretary's designee; the secretary of higher education or the secretary's designee; the secretary of Indian affairs or the secretary's designee; the secretary of workforce solutions or the secretary's designee; the secretary of corrections or the secretary's designee; the secretary of veterans' services or the secretary's designee; the secretary of children, youth and families or the secretary's designee; the secretary of early childhood education and care or the secretary's designee; the secretary of aging and long-term services or the secretary's designee; the secretary of public safety or the secretary's designee; the secretary of health or the secretary's designee; and the chair of the homelessness reduction advisory council.

The new division must also have an advisory council consisting of 14 members appointed by the governor representing various stakeholders. The advisory council shall advise and make recommendations to the interagency homelessness reduction task force and the director of the homelessness reduction division of the department regarding:

- (1) homelessness and unnecessary institutionalization with the goals of reducing and preventing homelessness;
- (2) improving health and human services outcomes for people experiencing homelessness;
- (3) strengthening the safety nets that contribute to housing stability; and
- (4) developing and achieving the goals of the statewide strategic homelessness reduction plan and initiatives provided for in Section 2 of this 2024 act.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

This bill appropriates \$1,000.0 from the state general fund to the health care authority department in state fiscal year 2025 with any unexpended or unencumbered balance reverting.

There is no appropriation in this bill for CYFD. As CYFD already participates in multiple task forces whose aim is the reduction of homelessness (e.g., Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project), participation in this task force will be duplicative, and cannot necessarily be absorbed by existing resources.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

As noted in Fiscal Implications, CYFD already participates in multiple task forces whose aim is the reduction of homelessness (e.g., Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project). In addition, CYFD has a youth advisory board (LUVYA) comprised of youth with lived experience who are active leaders in advocacy and valuable advisors on the topic of homelessness in general and youth homelessness in specific.

CYFD is also actively engaged in system improvement concerning youth shelters, which serve as an interim measure for youth experiencing homelessness, and demonstration projects such as the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project, intended to provide long-term solutions to affected populations. Adding another task force is duplicative of these efforts.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Participation in the workgroup could lead to more collaborations for CYFD (Family Services) programming, providing additional support to the Family Services division's provision of services to families who are currently homeless. However, participation in a new, duplicative, task force risks diverting resources from active, established, efforts already successfully underway.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

CYFD would recommend inclusion on the task force of older youth in fostering connections (over 18) as CYFD has independent living and supportive housing to alleviate homelessness. CYFD also recommends inclusion of a representative from the Nations/Pueblos/Tribes.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

None.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.