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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 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}

Date Prepared: 02/17/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB420 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Pamela Herndon **Agency Name and Code Number:** 770-NMCD
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0	0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0	0	0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Recurring	General

(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 420 would appropriate \$6 million (GF) to the Health Care Authority for use in FY 2026 to address transitional housing support needs for the reentry population and administer a housing stabilization program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Upon review of the bill, it is unclear where this funding would be focused as the bill does not outline which agencies would partner with HCA on the use of this funding for housing nor does it say whether it would be for transitional facilities for individuals releasing from NMCD or housing for individuals releasing from county jails as each population has very different challenges.

If the funding supports NMCD clients, then a partnership would need to be developed as all housing would need to be approved and vetted by NMCD prior to allowing clients to reside there. As HCA would be overseeing the housing, there could potentially be some conflicts in what is deemed as appropriate housing since those exiting NMCD facilities are under the supervision of probation/parole and would have additional conditions regarding housing that would need to be considered for placement (example: Sex offender conditions with residential restrictions and general rules of supervision inclusive of a parole sponsor and any special conditions).

Funding: As funding is only appropriated for 1 year, there is a concern that any RFA/RFP would take 2-4 months of that time to put contracts in place and so spending of the funding within one year could be a challenge. Some thoughts should be put into extending the appropriation period if the intent is to set up a housing stabilization program. Funding for one year alone would not provide stable contracts in the long term for transitional housing partners. Potentially having the funds available into FY2027 as non-reverting funding might create more stability in the long term.

Any program that would impact NMCD clients would require NMCD staff time to assist in administering to the population and there would be a need for additional funding in the NMCD staffing budget to be able to support these efforts. Any housing program would need to be vetted by the Transitional Coordinator Officers and any housing would require the cooperation of the Classification and Transitional Coordinator Officer staff with NMCD who currently work on parole planning for those exiting prison facilities.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None for the Corrections Department.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for the Corrections Department.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for the Corrections Department.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None for the Corrections Department.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None for the Corrections Department.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None for the Corrections Department.

ALTERNATIVES

None for the Corrections Department.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None proposed by the Corrections Department.