

**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 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:** 01/20/2026 **Check all that apply:**  
**Bill Number:** HB72 **Original** X **Correction**     
**Amendment**    **Substitute**   

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<b>Short Title:</b> <u>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE MINOR DISTRIBUTION</u>	<b>Person Writing</b> <u>A. Griego Quintana</u> <b>Phone:</b> <u>505-479-2296</u> <b>Email</b> <u>Anisa.griego-quinta@cd.nm.gov</u>

**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>		

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

<b>Estimated Revenue</b>			<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	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 72 would amend Chapter 30 of New Mexico's controlled substances laws relating to the penalty for adults who intentionally distribute certain controlled substances to minors by increasing the penalty to a first-degree felony level for distribution that involves Schedule I or II narcotic drugs and methamphetamine (and their analogs).

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

House Bill 72 would substantially increase penalties for distributing controlled substances to minors, making most first offenses second-degree felonies and elevating cases involving narcotics or methamphetamine to first-degree felonies on the first conviction. Over time, this will produce a growing population of long-term inmates serving decade-plus sentences for drug offenses, increasing NMCD's average length of stay, population, and healthcare burden.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **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