

LFC Requester:

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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.legis.nm.gov/AgencyAnalysis) and email to [billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov](mailto:billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov)*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 01/22/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB 76Original  Correction Amendment  Substitute 

Sponsor:

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Alternative Placement of Youth  
in Custody

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Phone: 505-549-3905Email Leslie.jones@ofra.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
	10,000,000	Nonrecurring	General Fund

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

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

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>						

(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: The Act would appropriate \$10,000,000 from the general fund to the health care authority to contract for the development of alternative placements to congregate care for youth in state custody to both get them out of shelters (and office stays) and to meet their medical, clinical, and developmental needs.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

Expenditure of \$10,000,000 from general fund would decrease funds available for other identified needs.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This would address a very real and significant need for more resources for youth in state custody.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Unknown.

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

None known.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Unknown.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Once identified and created, most of these services should be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

None known.

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

Continued lack of treatment, placement, and intervention resources for youth in custody.

## **AMENDMENTS**

We recommend the addition of inpatient treatment facilities at which an adolescent parent can have their child with them. Not only would this be better for both parent and child, but it would eliminate the need for (and cost of) a separate placement for the adolescent's child.