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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:** 1/27/2026 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB156 Original   X   Correction         
 Amendment        Substitute       

**Sponsor:** Dayan Hochman-Vigil and Elizabeth Thomson **Agency Name and Code Number:** ECECD 61100  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**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:

HB 156 proposes to repeal Laws 2025 (1<sup>st</sup> S.S.), Chapter 5, Sections 8 through 13, which would have been effective on July 1, 2026. Repealing Sections 8 through 13 preserves the expanded authority granted to the Department of Health to make immunization recommendations in Laws 2025 (1<sup>st</sup> S.S.), Chapter 5, Sections 1 through 7.

This will also preserve the requirement that DOH consult with both PED and ECECD when promulgating rules governing immunizations that will be required of children attending licensed child care programs (Laws 2025 (1<sup>st</sup> SS) Chapter 5, Section 1), and preserves the expansion of locations where it is unlawful to enroll a child without vaccinations to include licensed child care programs (Laws 2025 (1<sup>st</sup> SS) Chapter 5, Section 2).

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Note: No fiscal implications to ECECD noted.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

By repealing sections 8 through 13, HB 156 maintains the expanded authority of the Department of Health to set immunization recommendations and maintain the requirements that DOH consult with the Public Education Department and the Early Childhood Education and Care Department when creating vaccination rules for children in licensed child care programs. These provisions support public health protection in early childhood settings and enable DOH to provide consistent evidence-based vaccination recommendations to families, independent of variability in federal guidance. HB 156 also keeps the broadened prohibition for enrolling unvaccinated children in additional settings including licensed child care in place.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

HB 156 preserves the Department of Health's expanded authority and maintains required consultation with PED and ECECD and strengthens expectations for coordinated timely and evidence-based immunization rulemaking. HB 156 preserves the expansion of locations where it is unlawful to enroll a child without vaccinations to include licensed child care programs, which will require monitoring of vaccination compliance, the need for consistent enforcement and clear, proactive communication with families and providers.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

## **ALTERNATIVES**

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

If HB 156 is not enacted, the obligation for DOH to consult with PED and ECECD would be reduced or modified, weakening statewide coordination. If HB 156 is not enacted vaccine requirements for licensed child care programs would change or narrow vaccination leading to inconsistencies in enforcement and reducing alignment across early childhood programs and K through 12 settings.

## **AMENDMENTS**