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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: 1/30/26 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 202 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rebecca Dow and Gail Armstrong **Agency Name and Code** AOC 218
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$75,000 (for FY 26 -27)		FY 26 - 27	General

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	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: HB 202 creates a new section of Chapter 9 requiring state agencies to enter into a multi-agency memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Office of Child Advocate for data sharing and agency system access. The following agencies are named in the bill who are required to be a party to the MOU: AOC, CYFD, DOH, DPS, ECECD, HCA, and PED. HB 202 also requires a workgroup to convene and develop the MOU.

The appropriation is \$75,000 from the general fund to the Office of Child Advocate for expenditure in fiscal years 2026-2027; any remaining balance reverts to the general fund.

There is no effective date of this bill. It is assumed that the effective date is May 20, 2026, which is 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be a minimal administrative cost for statewide update, distribution and documentation of statutory changes. New laws, amendments to existing laws and new hearings have the potential to increase caseloads in the courts, thus requiring additional resources to handle the increase.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Currently, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC); the Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD); and the Office of Family Representation and Advocacy (OFRA) have a data-sharing memorandum of understanding that is reviewed on a regular basis. Representatives from AOC, CYFD, and OFRA have a standing monthly meeting to discuss data sharing issues. Finally, AOC and CYFD have collaborated on automated data exchanges for the new NM Impact system.

Finally, Section 32A-20-1 NMSA 1978 already sets out a "Uniform case numbering system," to be used between CYFD, DPS, DOH, PED, the Supreme Court, and the district attorneys, along with some data protections.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

See "Fiscal Implications," above.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS