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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:** \_\_\_\_\_ *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB266 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

<b>Sponsor:</b> <u>E Sena Cortez, A Reeb</u>	<b>Agency Name and Code</b> <u>CYFD - 690</u>
<b>Short Title:</b> <u>PENALTY FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN</u>	<b>Number:</b> _____
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

**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: This bill amends the Criminal Code and the Dissolution of Marriage Act as follows:

- The criminal code regarding sexual exploitation of children is amended to increase penalties from a fourth-degree felony to a third-degree felony for those persons found guilty. It increases the basic sentence from one year to five years and increases the time to be served that shall not be suspended or deferred from one year to three years. It increases the penalty from a third-degree felony to a second-degree for those persons found guilty of intentionally distributing any obscene visual or print medium depicting any prohibited sexual act or simulation of such act if the person knows or has reason to know that one or more of the participants is a child under 18 years of age.
- The dissolution of marriage act is amended to increase the amount that interest shall accrue on delinquent child support from 4% to 6.5% and adds that the “interest on a delinquent support payment” accrues from the date the support is delinquent until it is paid. It changes human services department to health care authority.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no appropriation contained within this bill. There is no fiscal implication to CYFD.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None for CYFD.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None for CYFD.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None for CYFD.

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

None identified.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None identified.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None identified.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

None proposed.

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

Status quo.

### **AMENDMENTS**

None proposed.