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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to 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: 2/5/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB339Original X Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Art De La Cruz

Short

Title: Juvenile Justice ChangesAgency Name
and Code

Number:

770- NMCD

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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
Total	0	0	0	0	Recurring	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: House Bill 339 continues the effort to impose harsher penalties on delinquent minors by making a number of changes to the Delinquency Act. Among other changes, it adds crimes to the definition of “youthful offender” and “serious youthful offender,” addresses dispositions of adjudicated minors, provides standard terms of commitment, and removes the authority of CYFD over release of certain delinquent children. Appropriates \$1 million (GF) to CYFD’s Juvenile Justice Division for FY2027.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

While the bill primarily amends the Delinquency Act and focuses on juvenile justice procedures, commitments, and supervised release, it may have a limited fiscal impact on NMCD. NMCD currently houses a small number of serious youthful offenders sentenced to adult prison, primarily for first-degree murder. By expanding offenses that may qualify a youth as a serious youthful offender, including first-degree criminal sexual penetration, the bill has the potential to increase the inmate population under NMCD custody. Any resulting fiscal impact is expected to be minor and would occur gradually over time rather than immediately.

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