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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 1/21/26

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: S8-341

Original ☒ Correction ☐

Amendment ☐ Substitute ☐

Sen. Sedillo Lopez

Sen. Pope

Sen. Muñoz

Sen. Campos

**Agency Name and
Code Number:** DFA-341

Sponsor:

Short Title:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRUST
FUND

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)0

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
	(\$650,000)	NR	General Fund
	\$650,000	NR	Behavioral Health Trust Fund

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue					Recurring or	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30		
\$33,800	\$35,200	\$35,900	\$36,300	\$36,300	R	Behavioral Health Trust Fund – Investment Gains

		\$17,100	\$23,100	\$35,000	R	Behavioral Health Program Fund – Increased distributions
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(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(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

Senate Bill 8 (SB8) authorizes a transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Behavioral Health Trust Fund. SB8 aims to allocate significant financial resources to support behavioral health initiatives in New Mexico.

- Amount: A total of \$650,000,000 is to be transferred.
- Timeline: The transfer is scheduled to occur in fiscal year 2027.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

In 2025, SB1 established the Behavioral Health Trust Fund (BHTF) with an initial \$100 million transfer from the General Fund. The BHTF is also expected to receive funds from oil and gas emergency school tax revenues. According to the December 2025 consensus revenue forecast, the BHTF is anticipated to end 2026 with a balance of \$106 million (Fiscal Year 2027). The baseline projection for the BHTF is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Behavioral Health Trust Fund

	Beginning Balance	Gains & Losses	Excess OGAS School Tax	Other Inflow	Distribution to ECE Program Fund	Ending Balance (\$ in millions)	Distribution to Behavioral Health Program Fund
CY25		\$ 0.7		\$100.0		\$ 100.7	
CY26	\$ 100.7	\$ 5.2			\$ -	\$ 106.0	
CY27	\$ 106.0	\$ 8.5	\$ 61.0		\$ (5.2)	\$ 170.4	
CY28	\$ 170.4	\$ 10.9	\$ 42.7		\$ (6.3)	\$ 217.8	FY28 \$ 5.2
CY29	\$ 217.8	\$ 16.7	\$ 108.1		\$ (8.2)	\$ 334.3	FY29 \$ 6.3
CY30	\$ 334.3	\$ 17.1	\$ -		\$ (12.0)	\$ 339.4	FY30 \$ 8.2

Note: \$ in millions

- SB 8 proposes a \$650 million transfer from the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2027, which would greatly speed up the increase in the fund balance, leading to higher investment earnings and larger future disbursements to the program fund. This scenario is shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Behavioral Health Trust Fund

	Beginning Balance	Gains & Losses	Excess OGAS School Tax	Other Inflow	Distribution to ECE Program Fund	Ending Balance (\$ in millions)	Distribution to Behavioral Health Program Fund
CY25		\$ 0.7		\$100.0		\$ 100.7	
CY26	\$ 100.7	\$ 39.0		\$650.0	\$ -	\$ 789.8	
CY27	\$ 789.8	\$ 43.7	\$ 61.0		\$ (22.3)	\$ 872.2	
CY28	\$ 872.2	\$ 46.8	\$ 42.7		\$ (29.4)	\$ 932.4	FY28 \$ 22.3
CY29	\$ 932.4	\$ 53.0	\$ 108.1		\$ (43.2)	\$ 1,050.2	FY29 \$ 29.4
CY30	\$ 1,050.2	\$ 53.4	\$ -		\$ (47.6)	\$ 1,056.0	FY30 \$ 43.2

Note: \$ in millions

- In this scenario, investment gains are projected to grow by about \$33.8 million in CY26, \$35.2 million in CY27, and \$35.9 million in CY28. Additionally, higher ending balances would lead to larger distributions, totaling roughly \$17.1 million in FY28, \$23.1 million in FY29, and \$35.0 million in FY30.
- Finally, since the BHTF is designated as a state reserve fund for FY26 and FY27, a larger balance in the fund would enhance overall state reserves for FY26 and FY27.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

N/A.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB8 is not enacted, the proposed \$650 Million transfer to the BHTF will not occur, leading to the following potential consequences:

- **Lack of Funding for Behavioral Health Services:** Without the \$650 million transfer, the Behavioral Health Trust Fund may lack sufficient resources to support critical mental health and substance abuse programs, potentially leading to gaps in care for individuals in need.
- **Increased Strain on Existing Systems:** Behavioral health services may face increased demand without adequate funding, leading to longer wait times, reduced access to care, and overburdened healthcare providers.
- **Economic and Social Impacts:** Insufficient investment in behavioral health can result in higher costs for emergency services, law enforcement, and incarceration, as untreated mental health issues and substance abuse often lead to societal challenges.

AMENDMENTS

N/A.