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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:** SB075 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** M Padilla **Agency Name and Code** CYFD - 690  
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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 Fostering Connections Act as follows:

- Amends the age requirements of the eligible population to remove specific aged-related cut-off dates which no longer apply;
- Removes juvenile justice clients from the eligible population;
- Expands the eligible population to include children who are in voluntary or families in need of court-ordered services placements with CYFD; and
- Clarifies that children in CYFD foster care who are in CYFD custody as of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday are eligible for Fostering Connections services.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no appropriation contained within this bill. CYFD will absorb any fiscal implications with existing resources.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This bill expands the population eligible for voluntary involvement in the Fostering Connections Act to include individuals who were in voluntary or families in need of court-ordered services placements as of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; shrinks the population eligible for voluntary involvement in the Fostering Connections Act by excluding adjudicated juveniles; and clarifies that individuals who were in CYFD custody through an abuse and neglect proceeding are eligible. The number of young adults eligible for assistance under this statute remains stable.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD has performance measures concerning the safety and stability of children and young adults which may be positively affected by this bill.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Any administrative implications resulting from the eligibility expansion and clarification will be absorbed by existing resources.

### **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.