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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: 29 January 2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 147 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Maestas **Agency Name and Code Number:** New Mexico Sentencing Commission (354)
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
	\$451	Nonrecurring	

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						

(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:

SB 147 makes a variety of amendments to the Juvenile Community Corrections Act to widen the application of the act to a broader set of possible clients, as follows:

- 1) SB 147 amends certain definitions in Section 33-9A-2 NMSA 1978, providing a definition for “child” as someone under 18, and a definition of “youth” as someone between 18 and 22, and adding that “volunteer services” means also that the services are provided without reimbursement or award (as well as the existing without compensation).
- 2) The bill amends Section 33-9A-3, regarding the juvenile community corrections grant fund, to make the money in the fund available to programs and services for children or youth referred for services by CYFD, expanding availability beyond the present restriction of just adjudicated delinquents.
- 3) The bill amends Section 33-9A-3, regarding criteria for applications, by removing the references to selection panels, expanding the language to include youth beyond adjudicated delinquents, and removing the provisions regarding the negotiation of a contract between a delinquent child and program staff. Additionally, the language regarding community corrections programs now specifies that such programs need to be ones that provide services for children covered by the fund.
- 4) Finally, SB 147 repeals Section 33-9A-5, regarding selection panels, and makes conforming amendments for that repeal to the definitions sections of the Tort Claims Act and the Governmental Immunity Act.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB 147 is the latest iteration of a bill that was first introduced by the NMSC two Legislative Sessions ago. The main thrust of SB 147 remains the same as the prior bills, with the exception that this bill removes the use of selection panels from the Juvenile Community Corrections Act. The prior versions of the bill had unanimous approval of the full Sentencing Commission. The SB 147 had the unanimous approval of the full Juvenile Committee of the Sentencing Commission (due to time constraints at the end of the year, the full Commission was not able to review and endorse the version of the bill with the selection panels removed).

The Sentencing Commission endorsed the bill because it approves of the expansion of the uses of the juvenile community corrections fund so that funds may be available for services for more than

just youth who have been adjudicated as a delinquent. This expansion of the uses of the fund will allow funds to be used for programs that work to keep children out of the juvenile justice system or returning into the system, including for youth who are older than 18.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB 165 also addresses changes to the Juvenile Community Corrections Act.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS