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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION****WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.legis.nm.gov/AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to [billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov](mailto: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:** 1/30/2026 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB184 Original   X   Correction         
 Amendment        Substitute       

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**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**

SB184 proposes to create a Children's Behavioral Health Services Division within the Health Care Authority and to direct the authority to assume and implement responsibility for children's mental health and substance abuse services in the state in coordination with the CYFD, PED, ECECD, and DOH. The director of the proposed Children's Behavioral Health Services Division must also coordinate with the behavioral health services division of the HCA, CYFD, ECECD, and DOH on developing and implementing a comprehensive statewide children's behavioral health services plan.

SB184 also proposes to amend CYFD's departmental duties to oversee mental health and substance abuse services for children in department custody in coordination with the HCA, PED, ECECD, and DOH. The bill also includes provisions to support the transfer of the CYFD behavioral health services division to the HCA children's behavioral health services division.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

ECECD is already collaborating with HCA, PED, ECECD and DOH so any additional requirements outlined in this bill could be absorbed by current staff.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

SB184 proposes to move the responsibility to oversee children's mental health and substance abuse services in the state from CYFD to HCA, with requirements for interagency coordination between ECECD, HCA, CYFD, PED, and DOH. All of these agencies already coordinate and work together to provide mental health and substance abuse services to children and families across the state through shared programs, data sharing agreements, and referral networks.

CYFD and HCA are state agencies whose missions are to advance the health and well-being of New Mexicans, especially those who are the most vulnerable. These agencies are already working together to provide services to children in CYFD custody.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

## **ALTERNATIVES**

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

The operations of the behavioral health services division will remain with CYFD.

## **AMENDMENTS**