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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:** SB302 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

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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 Children’s Code to expand the list of expenses which are paid by the court by adding “the expenses of filing fees by a child, the family of a child or a person filing on behalf of a child in any proceeding under the Children's Code.”

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no appropriation contained within this bill. There are no fiscal implications for CYFD.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Filing fees for cases before the Children’s Court under NMSA 1978 §32A-2 (the Delinquency Act) are already paid for by the court.

This bill will affect filing fees previously paid by the child, family of a child, or person filing on behalf of the child for proceedings under the Abuse and Neglect Act, the Family in Need of Court-Ordered Services Act, the Voluntary Placement and Family Services Act, the Children’s Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Act, the Emancipation of Minors Act, the Indian Family Protection Act, and the Fostering Connections Act; and may affect filing fees under the Adoptions Act.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None for CYFD.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None for CYFD.

### **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.