

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Original Amendment
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Bill No: HB220

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Short CYFD REFERRAL FOR
Title: JUVENILE CORRECTION
GRANTS

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
0	0	Non-recurring	

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
0	0	0	Non-recurring	

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATION BUDGET (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0	0	0	0	Non-recurring	

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation

Act:

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

HB 220 amends 33-9A-3 the Juvenile Community Corrections Grant Fund as follows:

- * Section 33-9A-3(B) adds the language "or youth referred by the department"
- * Section 33-9A-3(D) deletes the term "regulations" and substitutes "rules"
- * Section 33-9A-4(A)(2) deletes the term "delinquent" and substitutes "child"
- * Section 33-9A-4(D) deletes the term "delinquent" and substitutes "child"
- * 33-9A-5(B) deletes the term "delinquents" and substitutes "children"
- * 33-9A-5(D) deletes the term "delinquents" and substitutes "participants"

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Fiscally, there will be no impact on the Department. However, the monies allotted will allow CYFD to expand eligibility to provide services to meet the needs of CYFD clients and families.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The change in wording opens up the availability of programming; however, the change of the word "delinquent" to "child" is not similarly amended throughout the body of the rest of the bill, thereby creating a lack of consistency within the existing statute.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD has performance metrics that could be impacted by this bill. If eligibility for these programs is expanded, fewer children may eventually enter the system through formal adjudication, which would be positive. Those who do enter the system through formal adjudication, however, may generally do so under more serious juvenile offenses and will be slightly more likely, as a group, to recidivate. This could potentially cause a fluctuation in recidivism-related performance measures that are not necessarily a result of diminished efforts by the agency, but rather changes in the makeup of children in the denominator portion of the equation.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

A positive administrative issue is that the CYFD Grant Managers will be able to retain their providers, and possibly increase providers in the State and expand the access to services across. The added language "or youth referred by the Department" provides an opportunity to serve more clients and reduce existing restrictions on eligibility for services.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The added language will support the efforts of the Family Services Division to reach more youth, not just those adjudicated. "The department may utilize not more than twenty-five percent of the fund to contract directly for community corrections programs or to establish programs operated by the department; provided, however, that the department may utilize up to an additional ten percent of the fund to operate juvenile community corrections programs if, after a reasonable effort to solicit proposals, there are no satisfactory proposals from a community where it is determined that a program is necessary or if it becomes necessary to cancel a program as provided in the contract"

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

This bill may reverse the trend of losing the Juvenile Community Corrections Treatment providers that are currently providing services in New Mexico by increasing the funding available to these providers.

AMENDMENTS

None.