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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 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}

Check all that apply:
Original **Amendment** _____
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Date 1/23/24
Bill No: HM10

Sponsor: Rep. Tara Jaramillo
Short Title: FOSTER CHILDREN TASK FORCE

Agency Name and Code HCA-630
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0	\$338.8	\$338.8	\$677.6	Recurring	SGF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

HM 10 requests that a joint task force be convened by the Children, Youth and Families Department and the Health Care Authority to help remedy the minimal behavioral health services and residential treatment facilities for older foster youth.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HCA would need 2 FTE and 1 supervisor to assist with the taskforce, and importantly on implementing long term strategies from the recommendations and implement Medicaid services assisting the foster parents caring for youth who have mental and behavioral health needs. These FTE will assist CYFD and the MCOs in finding appropriate placement for these children, assist the task force in developing and implementing recommendations, and support CYFD as it recruits and retains trauma-informed foster parents. This would be a total of \$338,800 for a pay band 70 and .5 of a pay band 75 which includes salary, fringe, and operating costs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to a Harvard University study, children in state custody cannot find placement due to the following:

- Systems problems: including capacity constraints, high acuity patients, frequent.
- readmissions, and the lack of outpatient resources.
- Payment issues, in terms of both payment rates and the structure of reimbursement.
- Leadership and collaboration problems, including the lack of strong leadership,
- interagency cooperation, and meaningful participation from all stakeholders.

https://www.hks.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/degree%20programs/MPP/files/15%203%20MPP_PA_Emi%20Hartmann%20Katherine%20Schiavoni_StuckKids.pdf

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HCA would collaborate with CYFD, specifically Protective Services and Behavioral Health Services on this task force. These staff would assist the task force in developing and implementing long-term strategy recommendations. These positions would also assist in developing methods to recruit and retain trauma-informed foster parents who can care for older youth with mental and behavioral health needs. Involvement from Medicaid Managed Care Organization representatives is recommended as they will be responsible for implementing Medicaid policy reforms in the field.

No IT impact.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Define “older”

Define “behavioral challenges” and suggest replacing with “behavioral health needs”

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Turquoise Care, the new Medicaid program that will begin on July 1, 2024, includes a specialized Medicaid Managed Care Organization (Presbyterian) responsible for provision of services for children involved in the child welfare system.

CYFD and the HCA currently collaborate to expand the provision of behavioral health services for children in the child welfare system, including leveraging Medicaid to expand services.

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo

AMENDMENTS

None