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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 SPECIAL SESSION**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****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:** 10/02/2025*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** SB 3**Original** ☒ **Correction** ☐**Amendment** ☐ **Substitute** ☐**Sponsor:**Linda M. Lopez, Cindy Nava,
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Garratt, Linda Serrato**Agency Name
and Code****Number:**RHCA 343**Short****Title:**IMMUNIZATION RULES &
RECOMMENDATIONS**Person Writing Analysis** Linda Atencio**Phone:** (505)222-6416 **Email:** Linda.atencio@rhca.nm.**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
N/A	N/A	N/A		

(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	N/A	Indeterminate \$0 - minimal	Indeterminate \$0 - minimal	Indeterminate \$0 - minimal	Recurring	RHCA Benefit Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases) Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 3 changes the authority over vaccine guidance from the federal agency - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH). NMDOH will utilize recommendations for children from the American Academy of Pediatrics and for adult immunizations from American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and American College of Physicians. It adds licensed childcare and licensed early childhood care programs to requiring recommended vaccinations. It prohibits cost-sharing by amending the state insurance code on immunizations recommended by NMDOH.

The bill reaffirms the Statewide Vaccine Purchasing Program, not only allowing the NMDOH to buy vaccines in bulk and manage distribution but recommending rules to establish requirements including frequency of administration.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no Fiscal Implications to the New Mexico Retiree Health Care Authority at this time due to current coverage of recommended vaccines. If NMDOH were to recommend more vaccines that the federal government standards there could be an increase cost to RHCA in having to absorb additional vaccine costs. Future costs are indeterminable as it is not known of any additional vaccines that may be required.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

There are no issues to the New Mexico Retiree Health Care Authority.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None

AMENDMENTS

None