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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.nmlegis.gov/AgencyAnalysis) 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: 2/11/25

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB345

Original Correction Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Armstrong

Short Title: Foster Care Behavioral Health

Assessment

Agency Name

and Code HCA 630

Number:

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Phone: (505)231- Email Kresta.opperman@hca**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(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: HB345 would require CYFD to conduct a behavioral health assessment within 45 days of placing a child into foster care. HB345 specifically identifies the child and adolescent needs and strengths trauma assessment be used and that appropriate behavioral health referrals be made based upon the assessment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None for HCA

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None for HCA

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for HCA

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for HCA

No IT impact.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Children in state custody, who are enrolled with a Medicaid Managed Care organization will continue to receive a Care Needs Assessment (CNA) at the following timeframes as required by their contract:

- Within 30 days of being taken into State Custody (face to face)
- Reassessment Bi-annually and Annually (face to face)
- Quarterly touchpoints (telephonic or face to face)
- Comprehensive Care Plan (CCP) must be completed within 14 days of the CNA.

Additionally, all children who receive High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) services will receive a child and adolescent needs and strengths trauma assessment within 30 days of being assigned to receive HFW services.

AMENDMENTS

None