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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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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 2/13/25 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB0404 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
3,000.0 to be spent over three fiscal years		NR	General Fund

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
0	0	0		

(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	0 for DWS	0	0	0		

(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: HB404 creates the “monetary stipend project,” which would provide a monthly stipend in an amount to be determined to qualified former foster children who meet the bill’s criteria. The Higher Education Department would administer the program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications for DWS. The program requires eligible participants to meet one of three requirements: enrollment in post-secondary education, participation in an apprenticeship, or participation in an employment services program. Although DWS administers the latter two programs, the cost of verifying applicant or participant enrollment would be de minimis, and could be detailed in an MOU between HED and DWS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill directs the Health Care Authority to apply for any waivers that might be required by the federal Social Security Act, but does not speak to the possible impacts to eligibility for other programs. HCA-administered programs like SNAP, LIHEAP, TANF, and Medicaid may need to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Post-secondary education financial aid may also be affected.

A stipend like the one described would not affect eligibility for Unemployment Insurance since it is not considered “wages earned” and is therefore not reportable when claiming benefits.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for DWS.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

De minimis for DWS as set forth above.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS