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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 2/15/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 407 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Reps. Thomson, Abeyta, Gurrola, Sariñana, Gonzales **Agency Name and Code** University of New Mexico-952
Short Title: Shaken Baby Syndrome Education **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	\$300.0	Nonrecurring	SGF

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(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						

(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: HB 407 proposes to provide \$300,000 to the Department of Health (DOH) for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 to collaborate with UNM Department of Pediatrics to update education materials for “shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma prevention,” to implement the education in hospitals statewide, and to provide for statewide reporting of these cases.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Abusive Head Trauma/Shaken Baby Syndrome AHT/SBS is a well-known form of child abuse, at times leading to infant death. New Mexico currently lacks incidence data on AHT/SBS. Incidence tracking would require data from various entities including the Child Fatality Review Board and the Office of the Medical examiner.

The DOH currently oversees the AHT/SBS education in the state of New Mexico, however, the DOH does not have any direct appropriations to fund this prevention program.

The term “shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma” should be replaced by “abusive head trauma” alone. The former term is outdated and confusing, and can pose difficulties in contested cases. Alternatively, the verbiage could read “abusive head trauma (formerly called ‘shaken baby syndrome’).

A concise definition of “abusive head trauma” will need to be developed so that the data collected by DOH are meaningful and useful.

Some victims of abusive head trauma die prior to arriving at a hospital. In order for the data collected to be meaningful, it will need to include cases of children who are taken to the office of Medical Director directly.

Abusive head trauma is a devastating event that warrants an informed public education effort. However, given the relatively low prevalence of the problem, it is not clear whether centralized data collection of abusive head trauma events alone will inform prevention efforts. A better use of the funds would likely be to instruct DOH to use them to collaborate with UNM to develop a child abuse prevention agenda that includes updating educational materials on abusive head trauma and other efforts deemed useful by DOH and UNM specialists. “Other efforts” could include funding periodic surveys of New Mexican young adults about their child maltreatment experiences. Such a survey has been developed at UNM. Data collection from 1000 respondents has recently been completed.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The alternative will be to continue providing the current, somewhat outdated, educational information statewide, and to have no centralized data collection for victims of abusive head trauma. Prevention efforts can continue with or without this bill.

AMENDMENTS