

LFC Requester:**Sunny Liu****AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR 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:** 2-18-2025*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** SB 386Original Correction Amendment Substitute **Sponsor:** Sen. Natalie Figueroa**Agency Name
and Code**

Regulation and Licensing

Department - 420

Number:**Short** Care for Youth Athletes with**Person Writing** Jen Rodriguez**Title:** Brain Injuries**Phone:** 505-795-3250 **Email** Jen.rodriguez@rld.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 386 (SB386)

SB386 amends the Public-School Codes, Courses of Instruction, particularly §§22-13-31 and 31.1, NMSA 1978 which address protocols to follow when a youth athlete suffers a brain injury. SB386 would allow licensed chiropractic physicians to be considered a “licensed healthcare professional” within the meaning of the statute. Currently, the meaning of “licensed healthcare professional” within the statutes applies to the following licensed, practicing professionals: a physician or physician assistant, an osteopathic physician or osteopathic physician assistant, a certified nurse practitioner, a psychologist, an athletic trainer, or a physical therapist.

By amending the definition of “licensed healthcare professional” to include chiropractic physicians, SB386 would allow chiropractic physicians to provide a medical release to a youth athlete after they have been diagnosed with or exhibits the signs symptoms or behaviors consistent with a brain injury.

The effective date of the legislation is June 20, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) does not anticipate any significant fiscal impact from the enactment of SB386.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Chiropractic Board supports SB386 stating, “Chiropractors are trained to notice neurological problems...”

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS