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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Reeb/Chavez, N./Dow/Jones **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ORIGINAL DATE** 2/14/2025  
**BILL**  
**SHORT TITLE** CYFD Foster Parent ID Cards **NUMBER** House Bill 341  
**ANALYST** Hernandez

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT\* (dollars in thousands)

| Agency/Program | FY25 | FY26       | FY27 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|----------------|------|------------|------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| CYFD           | \$0  | Up to \$15 | \$0  | Up to \$15.0      | Recurring                 | General Fund  |

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From  
Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of House Bill 341

House Bill 341 (HB341) creates a new section of the Children's Code (NMAC 32A-4) to require the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to issue identification cards to all foster parents.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

CYFD states that if the identification cards do not require photographs, they would need to purchase 3,000 cards at \$5 per card and would be able to issue cards. The total cost would then be \$15 thousand. If photographs are necessary for the identification cards, then CYFD would either have to purchase new equipment or outsource production.

Currently, CYFD has 1,732 licensed foster parents, meaning the initial purchase of 3,000 cards would allow CYFD to issue new licenses for several years.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Analysis indicates that several states issue foster parent identification cards. These identification cards allow foster parents to provide proof of foster care status when making appointments. Moreover, it would provide an easy method for foster parents to identify themselves to access museums and state parks for free.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD would need to establish policies for replacement and verification of the identification cards if lost, stolen, or misused.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

CYFD states that “HB341 lacks clarity on what information the foster parent identification cards must include, such as a photo, expiration date, or unique identifier.”

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