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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Zamora

BILL  
NUMBER House Bill 551

SHORT TITLE Health Care Authority Debt Procedures

ANALYST Chenier

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT\*

(dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
		No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	Recurring	

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From  
Health Care Authority (HCA)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Senate Bill 551

Senate Bill 551 revises the Gaming Control Board (GCB) statute relating to procedures for the Health Care Authority's (HCA) Child Support Services Division (CSSD), as the Title IV-D agency, carrying out administrative enforcement remedies. This bill reaffirms that the two agencies work cooperatively to intercept winnings of at least \$1,200 or more from a racetrack and/or gaming machine, from someone who owes child support. In addition, the bill requires CSSD to notify GCB if there is a change by the federal government in the threshold amount of \$1,200 within 30 days. As proposed, CSSD would continue to provide an electronic list of delinquent obligors to any GCB licensees through a secure portal. This bill does not change the requirements of CSSD to allow a winner/obligor to contest any winnings that are intercepted. This bill also updates HCA's name change from the former Human Services Department.

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

HCA stated that there is no anticipated fiscal impact. Any additional revenues are dependent upon non-custodial parents' lottery or casino winnings, which are not a predictable revenue source.

Additionally, given that the bill does not alter most existing practices, there is likely no fiscal impact.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HCA said that this bill supports CSSD’s administrative enforcement remedies and will continue to be a steady stream of collections, received and distributed to the families, to reduce child poverty. In fiscal year 2024, CSSD received \$70,717.47 from gaming collections. Current support and arrearage support collections is a federal performance measure set by the Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) and must be 40 percent or higher. Meeting these performance measures helps serve custodial parties with payments and CSSD gain extra funding through incentives.

While no direct concerns are identified, this bill ensures continuity in the enforcement of child support collections through gaming winnings interceptions, which is an important revenue source for families receiving child support.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

HCA said this legislation aligns New Mexico with national best practices for child support enforcement through gaming winnings interception and ensures CSSD retains its enforcement tools following the agency transition to HCA. The bill reinforces CSSD’s ability to collect past-due support efficiently while protecting obligors’ due process rights.

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