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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Padilla LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_  
ORIGINAL DATE 3/3/2025  
SHORT TITLE CYFD Independent Program Performance BILL \_\_\_\_\_  
Audit NUMBER Senate Bill 361  
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	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact		

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From

Office of the State Auditor (OSA)

Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Senate Bill 361

Senate Bill 361 (SB361) requires the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to undergo an independent, multi-year performance audit to determine the department's capacity and ability to function. CYFD must transmit annual performance audit and interim review reports to the Governor, Legislative Finance Committee, and Legislative Health and Human Services Committee.

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 notes no fiscal implications.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

LFC conducted a LegisSTAT review of CYFD over the interim and found that there has been little movement in terms of improving outcomes. Moreover, throughout the past ten years, LFC's Program Evaluation unit conducted numerous evaluations of CYFD. The most recent evaluations focused on juvenile justice and the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), both

of which provided several recommendations; the department has implemented very few of the recommendations from these reports.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

On page 3, “interim” should be added prior to both “legislative finance committee” and “legislative health and human services committee.”

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