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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

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**Original**  **Amendment**  
**Correction**  **Substitute**

**Date Prepared:** 2025-02-05  
**Bill No:** HB255

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
0	0		
0	0		

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
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**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATION BUDGET (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0		

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

HB 255 is sponsored by the NM Sentencing Commission and supported by CYFD. The bill’s primary goal is to expand the target population eligible for CYFD referrals by addressing restrictive language in NMSA 1978, Section 33-9A-3(B), which currently limits services to “adjudicated delinquents.” This measure will allow more clients to receive services from Juvenile Community Correction providers.

Additionally, the program name would change from Juvenile Community Correction to Juvenile Community Connections to reflect a broader scope. The bill’s aim is to extend services beyond Juvenile Justice (JJ) clients to include Protective Services Division (PSD) clients, making the title more inclusive by removing “Corrections.”

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be no fiscal impact to CYFD.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Referrals to the program will continue to come through CYFD, including from facilities, field JPO staff, and potentially PSD clients. Expanding the referral pool will help CYFD’s Youth Services and Delinquency Prevention Unit, which oversees the program, reduce reverted funds due to low referral numbers. It will also allow Juvenile Community Connections (JCC) providers to receive more referrals, meet service delivery benchmarks, and better support clients and families.

It is important to note that this statute has not been addressed legislatively since the 1980s. It is essential to modernize it to reflect current practices, particularly regarding Section 33-9A-5, Selection Panels, ensuring it remains relevant and aligned with today's work.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD Youth Services and Delinquency Prevention Unit, which maintains all oversight and supervision of the JCC programs, should see fewer dollars being reverted due to lack of referrals.

Currently, JCC providers can only serve adjudicated delinquents; this change will enable them to meet program benchmarks and better address the needs of clients and families. In addition, with additional referrals, JCC providers can expand services to CYFD clients.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

None.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

If this measure is not enacted, more JCC providers may be at risk of closing due to insufficient referrals. Services will be limited to adjudicated youth, leaving a significant portion of CYFD's youth population in need of services ineligible and overlooked.

## **AMENDMENTS**

None.