

LFC Requester:

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}

Check all that apply:

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

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Bill No: HB329

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0	0		
0	0		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0	0	0		
0	0	0		

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATION BUDGET (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	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

Synopsis: HB 347 appropriates ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) from the general fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to provide scholarships, other student financial aid and paid practicums for students in behavioral health fields at state universities and tribal colleges in New Mexico as a means of expanding the behavioral health workforce. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact to CYFD.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

If enacted, HB 347 provides funding to bachelor and master level students in fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The limitation of funding to two years does not allow students to receive funding for the entirety of their education, typically four (4) years for a bachelor’s degree and an additional two (2) to three (3) years for a master’s degree.

Section 1, B. states that “The higher education department shall distribute funding based on the number of New Mexico residents enrolled in behavioral health programs, including substance addiction counseling programs, in fiscal year 2024.” It is not clear if funding, once distributed, will be awarded to individual students based upon financial need, grades, performance, or other criteria.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

An increase in graduates of bachelor and master level behavioral health programs supports CYFD's efforts to increase the number of qualified behavioral health staff internally at CYFD and externally as community behavioral health providers.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None Identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None Identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None proposed.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None

proposed.