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Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: Amends the statute to allow the threshold amount to be adjusted if the Child Support Services Department of the HCA determines a change needs to be made, and requires notification to the NMGCB of changes to the threshold amount.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Should the amount change, the change to the statute was intended to achieve that by notice between the agencies. When specific amounts are set by statute, it requires a legislative change which depending on the time of year, could be months or years to amend. This takes into account that changes driven by the economy with respect to specific amounts can be adjusted accordingly in a more efficient and effective manner.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The “portal” which exists to carry out this Federal and State mandate is maintained by the New Mexico Gaming Control Board. The cost to design, activate, maintain and update the “portal” has come out of the NMGCB budget with no contribution other than the “data file” by HCA.

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

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

A recent update was contracted for, designed and updated to better protect and secure the information in the data file given to NMGCB by HCA. If a new amount is set, new code has to be written, which has to be budgeted and contracted for.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Federal law mandates that states assist in collecting this debt but leaves the triggering amount to be set by individual states. In New Mexico it is the Child Support Services Department of the HCA.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

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

**Status quo.**

## **AMENDMENTS**

An amendment stating that the threshold amount is set by the Child Support Services Department of the HCA (not federal law) would clarify the source of the threshold amount.

An amendment that removes the “one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200)” would help to avoid confusion in the future of what the threshold amount is particularly if it is changed.