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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}

Date Prepared: 2/21/25 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB551 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Martin Zamora **Agency Name and Code** HCA 630
Short Title: Health Care Authority Debt Procedures **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0.0	0.0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

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

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No anticipated significant fiscal impact. (Any additional revenues are dependent upon non-custodial parents' lottery/casino winnings, which is not a predictable revenue source and difficult to project future collections.)

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

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

This bill supports CSSD administrative enforcement remedies and will continue to be a steady stream of collections, received and distributed to the families, to reduce child poverty. In SFY 23-24, 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% or higher. Meeting these performance measures helps serve custodial parties with payments and CSSD gain extra funding through incentives.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The current business processes may need to be reviewed to simplify the processes that guide CSSD working with GCB. Additional business processes may be needed to monitor any changes to the threshold amounts currently set at \$1,200.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

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.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo

AMENDMENTS

N/A