

**LFC Requester:****Allegra Hernandez****AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION****WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](http://AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to [billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov](mailto:billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov)****(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)****SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}***Date Prepared:** 2/6/25*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** SB283Original  Correction Amendment  Substitute **Sponsor:** Sen. Berghmans  
CYFD and Federal Benefit  
Uses**Agency Name****and Code**HCA-630**Number:****Person Writing**Suzanne Duran-Vigil**Short****Title:****Email** SuzanneP.duran-**Phone:** 505-795-0493 :Vigi@hca.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

| Appropriation |      | Recurring<br>or Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|---------------|------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY25          | FY26 |                              |                  |
| none          | none | none                         | none             |
|               |      |                              |                  |

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

| Estimated Revenue |      |      | Recurring<br>or<br>Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|-------------------|------|------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| FY25              | FY26 | FY27 |                                 |                  |
| none              | none | none | none                            | none             |
|                   |      |      |                                 |                  |

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

|  | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | 3 Year<br>Total Cost | Recurring or<br>Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|--|------|------|------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|  |      |      |      |                      |                              |                  |

|              |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Total</b> | none | none | none | none | none | none |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|

(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:

Senate Bill 283 (SB 283) is an act relating to children. SB 283 requires Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) to determine eligibility for federal benefits for children in its custody, apply for the benefits and either act as the child’s representative payee or determine an appropriate alternative for the child. SB 283 outlines the responsibilities and restrictions of CYFD when they are acting as the child’s representative payee. It outlines that CYFD will assist the child with financial literacy and planning tools.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

SB 283 does not provide clarity on how CYFD will assess whether the child is receiving, or eligible to receive federal benefits. Health Care Authority does administer safety net programs that are federally funded. The programs are Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). SB 283 does not identify the federal programs that they will determine eligibility for their children in the state custody.

ISD does not foresee any fiscal implications that would affect system enhancements or daily operations, unless SB 283 becomes clear as to how CYFD will determine eligibility for federal benefits.

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**

None

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None  
 No HCA IT impact.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

ISD suggests the language on page 2 line 14-17 needs to be amended to be clear and concise where it outlines the responsibilities of CYFD.

- A. Within sixty days after a child enters the department's legal custody, and annually thereafter, ~~the department shall determine whether the child is currently receiving or is eligible to receive federal benefits.~~

Replace the strikethrough with:

the department shall assess if the child is receiving federal benefits and if not, submit an application to request such benefits.

MAD QB suggests giving attention to requirements to collect and manage the data that will be required in the mentioned report on page 3 line 21 of the bill.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

none

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

Status Quo

### **AMENDMENTS**

None