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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}

Check all that apply:

Original Amendment
Correction Substitute

Date Prepared: 2025-02-13
Bill No: SB373

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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		

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

Bill proposes the following changes if enacted:

1. Military Notification for Abuse Cases:

* If a U.S. military member is involved in allegations of child abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, local law enforcement and the child protection agency must notify a designated authority at the military installation where the service member is stationed.

* Local law enforcement and the department must establish Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with military installations in New Mexico to facilitate these notifications.

2. Remote Court Appearances for Domestic Violence Hearings:

* Courts must allow victims and involved parties to participate in hearings remotely (via digital or phone means) if requested.

3. Military Notification for Domestic Violence Orders of Protection:

* If a restraining order is issued against a military member, the military installation authority must receive a copy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Fiscal Impact to CYFD.

Establishing MOUs with military installations can be completed with existing staff employed with the department.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None identified.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

If enacted the bill:

- * Strengthens collaboration between state agencies and the military to handle abuse cases involving service members.
- * Improves access to justice for domestic violence victims through remote court hearings.
- * Enhances law enforcement duties to protect victims and enforce restraining orders.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Establishing the MOU development for this bill will require coordination between the department, local law enforcement agencies, and military institutions throughout the state. This will involve the leadership of these agencies and their respective legal departments to develop, review, and finalize these MOU's.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None Identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None identified.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo and the notification and collaboration with military institutions when dealing with investigations of abuse/neglect or domestic violence situations will not improve.

AMENDMENTS

None.