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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: 2025-02-21
Bill No: SB489

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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

SB 489 amends Section 32A-6A-15 NMSA 1978 related to consent for services for children fourteen years of age or older by allowing for court-ordered behavioral health services or treatment if the court determines it is in the best interest of the child and is necessary to promote the child’s health, safety or welfare.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB 489 does not include any allocation for CYFD. Currently, CYFD enrolls children in state custody into Medicaid, as applicable, and secures federal funds to support behavioral health services and other supports for children in state custody.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB 489 address the ability to consent to treatment for children fourteen years of age and older. Additional language is added regarding children who have been adjudicated as abused or neglected and are under the jurisdiction of the children's court. The additions speak only for children in custody of CYFD and adjudicated, allowing the court to order a youth over the age of 14 to treatment if they deem them a danger to self or others.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

If enacted, CYFD Protective Services workers and attorneys would be responsible for addressing hearings related to court-ordered treatment.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If enacted, CYFD Protective Services workers and attorneys would be responsible for addressing hearings related to court-ordered treatment.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None.

AMENDMENTS

None.