

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: June 11, 2001

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: “Public Disclosure of Findings and Information in Cases of Child Fatality or Near Fatality Amendment Act of 2001”

REFERENCE: Bill Number 14-181 as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan because no additional staff or resources will be required to implement the components of the proposed legislation and there will be no reduction in existing local General Fund revenue. All activities required by the proposed legislation can be absorbed within existing resources.

Background

The proposed legislation provides the Mayor, the Mayor’s designee, and the Director of the Child and Family Services Agency with the authority to release governmental findings and information in cases of child fatality or near fatality. This authority is not extended where such information is likely to endanger the child’s life, or physical and emotional well-being. The proposed legislation provides limited immunity to authorized District officers and employees when making public disclosures of findings and information. Additionally, the proposed legislation permits civil actions in the Superior Court to compel disclosure.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan to absorb the costs of all activities required by the provisions of the proposed legislation.