

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:** JUL 19 2006

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Enhanced Crime Prevention and Abatement  
Emergency Amendment Act of 2006"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Legislation to be Introduced – No Number Available

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**Conclusion**

The Mayor has requested an allocation of \$12.9 million in from the Contingency Reserve Fund, which is sufficient to fund the Mayor's emergency initiatives of which the proposed legislation is a part.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would provide law enforcement officers and prosecutors with additional authority to prevent and reduce crime in the District. The proposed legislation targets the District's Public and Safety Justice System and impacts, in particular, operations of the District's Metropolitan Police Department.

The proposed legislation would make legislative changes in the following principal areas: (1) it would give the Executive Branch more flexibility in establishing curfew hours in the District; (2) it would provide for the mandatory disclosure of juvenile records to ensure that law enforcement officers receive information about certain juvenile offenders placed on probation or released into the community; (3) it would create a rebuttable presumption that certain adults and juveniles arrested for robbery should be detained pending a trial or disposition hearing; and (4) it would authorize the Metropolitan Police Department to use closed circuit television system to combat crime.

## **Financial Plan Impact**

The Mayor has requested \$12.9 million from the Contingency Reserve Fund, which is sufficient to fund the Mayor's emergency initiatives of which the proposed legislation is a part. The \$12.9 million will be allocated in the following manner:

- \$8 million will be used for overtime costs for MPD to deploy 300 additional officers in the streets for a period of six weeks;
- \$2.3 million will be used to install 23 cameras;
- \$2 million will be used to fund overtime costs in other agencies to support and fund government operations associated with graffiti, abandoned vehicles, streetlights and blighted buildings;
- \$380,000 will be used to expand Partnership for Success to serve 100 additional youth;<sup>1</sup>
- \$75,000 to support girl gang/crew mediation and peace building initiatives in District Wards 5,6,7 and 8;<sup>2</sup>
- \$70,000 will support expansion of recreation and street outreach in Police Service Area (PSA) 104 in District Ward 6;<sup>3</sup>
- \$50,000 to support and fund the Gang Intervention Partnership (GIP) in PSA 302 in District Ward 1.<sup>4</sup>

To support MPD other federal and District agencies will increase operations. MPD and supporting District agencies are currently expending existing resources to cover their overtime burdens.

Use of the Fund in this instance is consistent with the restrictions and requirements established under section 450A(b) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.50a(b)) (Act). Specifically, the Fund may be used to provide for unforeseen needs that arise during the fiscal year, including expenses associated with unforeseen or unexpected obligations created by a new public safety requirement that has been identified after the budget process. The Mayor's request for use of these funds for expenditures relating to the current

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1 This program involves monitoring, casework and other interventions with juvenile offenders including repeat arrestees.

2 Programs involve peer mediation activities, summer employment opportunities, leadership development, and a retreat for gang/crew members.

3 This program will involve nighttime outreach, gang/crew mediation for males, and assist in sustaining the truce between girl crews, tougher curfew enforcement, and late-night basketball league for older teens in the 15 to 18 year-old range.

4 GIP involves addressing District Ward 1 through interagency strategy meetings, conflict mapping, critical incident response, street outreach, and youth and family case management.

Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia is consistent with this requirement. To preserve the integrity of the Fund, the Act further restricts the use of amounts from the fund to those instances where the Chief Financial Officer has indicated the lack of availability of other sources of funding to carry out the purposes of the allocation. In this instance the OCFO has conducted the necessary analysis to determine that other sources of funding are not available to carry out the purposes of the requested allocation from the Fund. Finally, the Act requires that fifty percent (50%) of any amount allocated from the Fund in any fiscal year be replenished during the next fiscal year and that the full amount shall be replenished in the second fiscal year following any such allocation. Accordingly, in this instance the District must deposit no less than \$6.5 million in cash into the Fund by the end of FY 2007 and the balance by the end of FY 2008.