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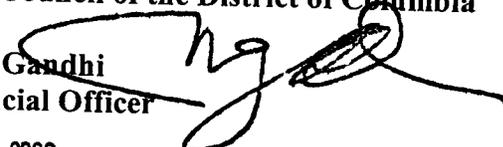


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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: JAN 10 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Uniform Family Support Act Amendments Act of 2005"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 16-151

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act ("UIFSA") to:

- (1) provide jurisdictional rules and outline procedures for issuing or modifying child- and spousal-support orders;
- (2) provide procedures for identifying which order controls when multiple orders exist;
- (3) provide guidance to state support agencies for directing support payments to obligee's state of residence;
- (4) expand UIFSA to include foreign support orders when the District establishes comity with that country (or when the U.S. State Department determines that reciprocity exists); and
- (5) make technical and conforming amendments.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 and the Mayor's proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources would be required. The proposed legislation would amend UIFSA to provide for a number of procedural and jurisdictional rules for issuing and/or modifying support orders, and provides guidance for determining which among two or more support orders controls. While these provisions may affect certain operational processes at the Child Support Services Division of the Office of the Attorney General, any associated costs could be absorbed by current resources.