

**Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** SEP 14 2007

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Release From Confinement Act of 2007"

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

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. No additional resources will be required to implement the provisions of the proposed contract. The District Department of Corrections (DOC) has sufficient resources to absorb any additional costs associated with implementing the provisions of the proposed legislation.

**Background**

The proposed legislation repeals<sup>1</sup> the current limitations on the hours an inmate may be released from the Central Detention Facility. Currently no inmate may be released from that facility between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM. In some cases this limitation results in preventing the release of prisoners on the day ordered by the District or U.S. Courts. In addition, the proposed legislation requires DOC to assist any detainees released after 10:00 PM in obtaining transportation away from the Central Detention Facility when the Metro transportation system ceases daily operations.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan. No additional staff or resources will be required.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 2 of An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia; approved June 27, 1946; 60 Statute 320; D.C. Official Code Title 24 § 211.02.