

**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
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DATE: DEC 15 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Equitable Street Time Credit Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: Bill 17-750, Committee Print dated November 25, 2008

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The stated intent of the proposed legislation is to amend provisions of District law pertaining to parole in order to "remedy historically unfair treatment of District offenders in receiving credit against their maximum sentence for time served on parole."¹

Specifically, the proposed legislation would:

- Permit the United States Parole Commission (USPC) to terminate a District offender's parole before the expiration of his or her sentence;
- Require the USPC to conduct periodic reviews and hearings, if necessary, to determine whether it would be appropriate to end legal custody over a parolee; and
- Permit credit for time served on parole against a parolee's maximum sentence, with certain enumerated exceptions.

¹ From the November 25, 2008 Committee Report from the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary.

Financial Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The Office of the Attorney General has indicated to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer that it could absorb implementing the proposed bill with existing resources. Most of the requirements of the proposed legislation would impact the USPC, which is a part of the U.S. Department of Justice. These impacts would not have an effect on the District's budget and financial plan.