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**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
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**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Priority Employment for Economically Disadvantaged Youth in the Youth Employment Program Amendment Act of 2008" Committee Print, May 22, 2008

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 17-481

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### **Conclusion**

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

### **Background**

The proposed legislation amends D.C. Code §32-241, which governs the employment of minors, by establishing a preference quota for publicly funded youth employment programs that would allocate at least 30 percent of jobs created through these programs to youth that are classified as economically disadvantaged.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, the proposed legislation redefines the "economically disadvantaged" by including in the criteria persons who once resided in an institution or facility providing 24-hour support, such as a prison, juvenile detention facility, a hospital or community care facility.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation is a technical amendment that requires the Youth Services Division of the Department of Employment Services to make a good faith effort to fill at least 30 percent of its available

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<sup>1</sup> The current code only provides priority for economically disadvantaged youth, and does not institute a quota.

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positions with persons classified as economically disadvantaged. This technical amendment does not have an impact on the FY 2009 Budget and FY 2009-2013 Financial Plan.