

Government of the District of Columbia
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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: November 2, 2010

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
Amendment Act of 2010”

REFERENCE: Bill Number 18-579, Draft Committee Print

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2011 through FY 2014 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed act would amend the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977¹ by expanding the definition of “case plan” to include: 1) six new requirements for a child whose permanency plan is placement with a relative and receipt of kinship guardianship assistance payments; and 2) a plan for ensuring the educational stability of the child while in foster care. These changes are needed in order for the District of Columbia to comply with the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008² and to continue being eligible for federal funding under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.³

The proposed legislation would also amend Chapter 23 (Family Division Proceedings) of Title 16 (Particular Actions, Proceedings and Matters) of the D.C. Official Code to add the presumption that a child will attend the same school he or she would have attended, but for the child’s entry into shelter care or removal from the child’s home.

¹ Effective September 23, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-22; D.C. Official Code § 4-1301.02(3)).

² Approved October 7, 2008 (122 Stat. 3949, 42 U.S.C. § 675(1)).

³ Approved June 17, 1980 (94 Stat. 500; 42 U.S.C. § 670 *et seq.*)

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2011 through FY 2014 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Neither amending the definition of "case plan" nor including a presumption about schools would have a fiscal impact.