

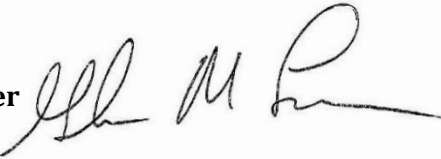
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



**Glen Lee**  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** June 1, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Special Education for Young Adults in the Custody of the Department of Corrections Amendment Act of 2023 (and accompanying emergency and temporary versions)

**REFERENCE:** Draft Introduction as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on May 26, 2023

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 budget and proposed fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

Special education services at the Department of Corrections (DOC) are provided by the Maya Angelou Public Charter Schools under an emergency charter authorization that will expire on August 4, 2023 and this emergency charter authorization will not be renewed. Prior to school year 2021-2022, the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) provided special education services for eligible students under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.<sup>1</sup>

The bill (along with the accompanying emergency and temporary versions) designates<sup>2</sup> DOC as the agency responsible for providing free appropriate public education (FAPE) under IDEA to individuals in its custody and detained in its secure facilities during the 2023-2024 school year. This designation gives DOC the legal authority to contract with an educational services provider for school year 2023-2024.

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<sup>1</sup> Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, approved April 13, 1970 (84 Stat. 175; 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.).

<sup>2</sup> By amending Section 2(b) of An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia, approved June 27, 1946 (60 Stat. 320; D.C. Official Code § 24-211.02(b)).

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

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### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 budget and proposed fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

The fiscal year 2024 DOC budget includes \$4 million to contract with a special education provider that will provide services to up to 45 individuals during the 2023-2024 school year. The bill allows DOC to contract with a provider to offer special education to eligible students.