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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
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**DATE:** November 30, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Parent-led Play Cooperative Amendment Act of 2018

**REFERENCE:** Bill 22-1003, Committee print circulated on November 26, 2018

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill exempts<sup>1</sup> formal parent-led play cooperatives from the Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE) childcare licensing requirements. The bill also defines what is considered a formal parent-led play cooperative to distinguish them from informal parent-led play cooperatives. Parent-led play cooperatives are defined in the bill as a group of parents, step-parents, or legal guardians of participating children, including a group that has organized as a nonprofit organization, that have agreed to supervise the participating children during group meetings and that:

- Meet at predetermined times for fewer than eight hours per day;
- Meet at locations other than a home of one of the parents, step-parents, or legal guardians in the group;
- Do not require payment by parents, step-parents, or legal guardians, other than to cover the costs of administering the group, including rent, insurance, equipment, and activities;
- Require, as a prerequisite to joining the group, that a parent, step-parent, or legal guardian of each participating child in the group volunteer;
- Notify, upon registration with the group, the parents, step-parents, and legal guardians of each participating child in the group that the group is not a child development facility;
- Do not employ any individual to supervise participating children; and

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<sup>1</sup> By amending The Child Development Facilities Regulation Act of 1998, effective April 13, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-215; D.C. Official Code § 7-2031 et seq.).

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FIS: "Parent-led Play Cooperative Amendment Act of 2018," Bill 22-1003, Committee print circulated on November 26, 2018.

- Have written policies and procedures for the prevention of infectious diseases, response to and prevention of food allergies, emergency preparedness, and handling of health information.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. OSSE can implement the bill without additional resources.