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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: December 13, 2017

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Adult Career Pathways Taskforce Expansion
Amendment Act of 2017

REFERENCE: Bill 22-554, Draft Committee Print received December 12, 2017

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The Adult Career Pathways Task Force was established by the Adult Literacy Task Force Act of 2014¹ to develop a city-wide strategic plan for connecting adult basic skills programs administered in the District to career pathways².

The bill amends the Confirmation Act of 1978³ to make Mayoral nominees to the Adult Career Pathways Taskforce subject to Council approval. After the Mayor submits a nomination to Council, Council will have 45 days to review the nomination. The nomination would be deemed approved unless a Councilmember proposes a resolution to disapprove the nomination and Council acts on such proposed resolution within an additional 45-day period.

The bill also expands the number of Taskforce members from 14 to 17 and requires these three additional members to be representatives of the District business community that are from “in-

¹ Effective February 26, 2015.

² Career pathways is defined as “an approach to connecting progressive levels of basic skills and postsecondary education, training, and supportive services in specific sectors or cross-sector occupations in a way that optimizes the progress and success of individuals (including those with limited education, English skills, or work experience) in securing marketable credentials, family-supporting employment, and further education and employment opportunities.” District of Columbia Code, §32-1661.

³ Effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01(f)).

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demand sectors," as determined by the Workforce Investment Council and defined under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Taskforce membership is on a voluntary, unpaid basis and the Mayor has already allowed for expanding the membership of the Taskforce to 17 members, including three members of the District business community⁴. Convening the Taskforce helps the District fulfill requirements for federal funding under WIOA. Requiring nominations to the Taskforce to be submitted to Council will increase the amount of time needed to fill Taskforce vacancies, however the impact on convening the Taskforce should not be significant.

⁴ Mayor's Order 2017-208, September 8, 2017