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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 14, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Athletic Trainers Clarification Amendment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Bill 22-688, Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 16, 2018

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill expands¹ the scope of practice for athletic trainers to conform to current professional standards of practice. Specifically, the bill makes technical changes to the D.C. Code to allow athletic trainers to render a medical diagnosis or opinion regarding a physical disability to any physically active person seeking treatment for athletic injuries. The bill also authorizes the Board of Medicine to regulate the practice of athletic trainers with the advice of the Advisory Committee on Athletic Trainers.

The bill also allows² the Mayor to waive education requirements for audiology or speech-language pathology licensure for applicants that can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, employment as a school audiologist or a school speech-language pathologist for a minimum of five years prior to the date of his or her application for licensure.

¹ By amending The District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 et seq.).

² By amending D.C. Official Code § 3-1208.41.

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FIS: Bill 22-27, "Athletic Trainers Clarification Amendment Act of 2018," Bill 22-688 Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 16, 2018.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There is no cost to expand the scope of practice for athletic trainers and the Board of Medicine can regulate athletic trainers within existing resources. There is no cost to waiving education requirements for audiology or speech-language pathology licensure.