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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 15, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement -LGBTQ Health Data Collection Amendment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Bill 22-840, Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on November 13, 2018

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill requires¹ the Department of Health (DOH) to participate in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey to report on the health of the District's LGBTQ community. The BRFSS is a monthly telephone survey, conducted by the Department of Health and sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, that collects data on chronic diseases and related health behaviors from a randomly selected adults in each household that participates. The results are used to monitor trends and to guide policy and funding decisions. The bill requires DOH to collect information on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression through the BRFSS in survey year 2019 and publish a comprehensive report on their website at a minimum of every three years. The report must compare the prevalence of health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services among the LGBTQ population, and where possible, LGBTQ subpopulations.

¹ By amending The Department of Health Functions Clarification Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 7-731).

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The bill requires² each public school and public charter school to participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)³ survey administered by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). OSSE would be required to publish a detailed report of YRBSS results on its website and provide all schools with their respective school-level data. The bill requires⁴ OSSE, as part of the YRBSS, to collect and report information on the sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression of respondents.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The fiscal year 2019 budget includes funding in both the DOH and OSSE budgets to administer the BRFSS and YRBSS surveys, at every school. No additional resources are required to implement the bill.

² By amending pursuant to Section 3(b)(31) of the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, effective October 21, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-176; D.C. Official Code § 38-2602(b)(31)).

³ The YRBSS is a national school-based survey coordinated by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to monitor health-risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability among youth and young adults, or a similar successor survey.

⁴ By amending The State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, effective October 21, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-176; D.C. Official Code § 38-2601 et seq.).