

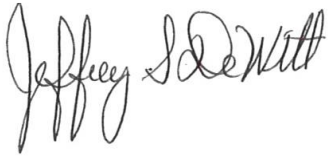
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** March 13, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Maternal Mental Health Task Force Act of 2018

**REFERENCE:** Bill 22-172, Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on February 28, 2018

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**Conclusion**

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will have a one-time cost of \$109,400 in fiscal year 2019.

**Background**

The bill establishes Maternal Mental Health Task Force to provide a set of policy recommendations on how the District can improve maternal mental healthcare. The Task Force will be funded by the District of Columbia Department of Behavior Health (DBH).

The Task Force is required to meet at least eight times per year and is charged with completing the following:

- Identify vulnerable populations and risk factors for maternal mental health disorders that may occur during pregnancy and through the first postpartum year;
- Study, review, and identify current barriers to screening and diagnosis;
- Study, review, and identify current treatment options for both those who are privately insured and those who receive care through the public-health system;
- Study, review, and identify evidence-based and emerging treatment options that are scalable to public- and private-healthcare settings;
- Identify provider population needs and patient needs in order to improve diagnosis and treatment;

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- Identify and recommend effective, culturally competent, and accessible prevention screening and treatment strategies, including public education and awareness, provider education and training, and social support services;
- Identify successful postpartum mental-health initiatives throughout the United States and recommend programs, tools, strategies, and funding sources needed to implement similar initiatives in the District;
- Identify and recommend evidence-based practices for healthcare providers and public-health systems;
- Identify and recommend models for private and public funding;
- Make comprehensive recommendations on legislation, policy initiatives, funding requirements, and budgetary priorities to address maternal mental-health needs in a report to be published no later than December 31, 2017;<sup>1</sup> and
- Present its recommendations to the Mayor and the Council within 30 days after publishing its report.

The Task Force will disband after making its final recommendations to the Mayor.

The Mayor is required to appoint 18 members to the Task Force from various government agencies and private organizations. Members must serve without compensation and are subject to approval by the Council.<sup>2</sup>

### Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DBH will require one staff person to coordinate the Task Force's activities and draft the final report. The position will require \$109,400 of funding in fiscal year 2019<sup>3</sup>.

Bill 22-172 – Maternal Mental Health Task Force Act of 2018					
Total Fiscal Impact					
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	Total
Total Fiscal Impact	\$0	\$109,400	\$0	\$0	\$109,400

#### Table note

Cost based on a Grade 13, Step 1 FTE salary plus fringe costs.

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<sup>1</sup> Although the draft committee print requires the report by December 31, 2017; we assume this will be updated.

<sup>2</sup> Members will be reimbursed for travel expenses to the extent that funds are available.

<sup>3</sup> The draft committee print requires the recommendations by December 31, 2017; we assume this will be updated and that all activities of the Task Force take place in fiscal year 2019.