

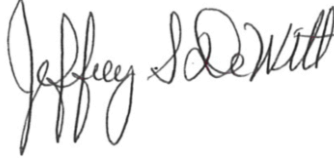
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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
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**DATE:** November 13, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Detained Youth Access to the Juvenile Services Program Amendment Act of 2019

**REFERENCE:** Bill 23-291, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on November 6, 2019

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 budget through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The Juvenile Services Program of the Public Defender Service (JSP-PDS) provides legal assistance to juvenile offenders in the custody of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS). JSP-PDS currently operates out of designated office space within the New Beginnings Youth Development Center and the Youth Services Center. JSP-PDS is afforded access to juveniles and office space through a memorandum of agreement that is set to expire on January 4, 2020. The bill formalizes<sup>1</sup> the relationship between the JSP-PDS and DYRS and allows JSP-PDS to operate in DYRS facilities in perpetuity.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 budget through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DYRS does not require additional resources since the bill codifies existing

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<sup>1</sup> By amending The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services Establishment Act of 2004, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-335; D.C. Official Code § 2-1515.01 et seq.).

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practice. JSP-PDS receives its annual budget via federal appropriations and operates independently of the District government.