

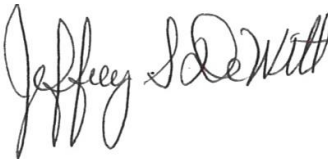
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
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**DATE:** July 7, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Standby Guardian Amendment Act of 2020

**REFERENCE:** Bill 23-402, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on June 30, 2020

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 budget and proposed fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill expands<sup>1</sup> the District's standby guardianship law to enable a parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian who is, or may be, subject to an adverse immigration action to make short-term plans for a child without terminating or limiting that person's parental or custodial rights. Existing law in the District only allows a parent who becomes incapable of caring for a child due to illness to designate a standby guardian for his or her child.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 budget and proposed fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Child and Family Services Agency and District of Columbia Superior Court do not require additional resources to implement the bill.

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<sup>1</sup> By amending Chapter 48 of Title 16 of the D.C. Official Code.