

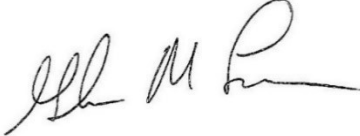
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: September 26, 2023

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Crime Victimization Survey Amendment Act of 2023

REFERENCE: Bill 25-51, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 12, 2023

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$400,000 in fiscal year 2024 and a total of \$815,000 over the four-year financial plan period.

Background

The bill requires the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to issue a contract for a District-wide survey of crime victimization, to be conducted every two years. The crime victimization survey is intended to provide comprehensive information on DC residents who have been victims of crime, the type of crime, whether and how the respondent reported the crime to the Metropolitan Police Department (or other authority), and any additional information that CJCC may deem necessary to gain a full understanding of crime victimization and its consequences in the District. The survey should be representative of the District and should oversample areas with higher crime.

The bill also establishes criteria for the entity that is awarded the survey contract. Specifically, the entity that holds the contract must have experience in trauma-informed and victim-centered techniques as well as experience administering surveys in a linguistically and culturally competent manner.

The contractor must also have expertise in complex survey design, multimodal survey research, and data integrity (including secure storage and processes for disposal of personally identifiable

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information). The contractor should also have experience in administering a similar survey in urban areas. Finally, the contractor should use an Internal Review Board (IRB) process to review the proposed survey design and ensure that it conforms with federal standards for research involving human subjects.

The CJCC is required to establish a Crime Victimization Task Force to assist in developing the scope and goals of the survey, provide feedback on the survey questions and the subsequent data analyses, provide direction on policy priorities resulting from the survey findings, and any other necessary support. The Task Force is made up of the Executive Director of the CJCC, the Director of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Director of the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department,, the Attorney General of the District of Columbia, the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, and the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health (or any of their designates).The Task Force also includes representatives from organizations that support victims of crime or domestic violence. The Chair of the Task Force is the Executive Director of CJCC (or their designate).

Once the survey results are available, the bill requires CJCC to draft a final report, including describing the survey and its findings, drawing inferences on causes of and contributing factors to crime victimization, and any recommendations for identifying gaps in processes, policies, and services for victims of crime. CJCC must also provide outside researchers with de-identified anonymized data for six years after the survey is fielded.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$400,000 in fiscal year 2024 and a total of \$815,000 over the four-year financial plan period.

There are four activities required of CJCC in the law:

- Issuing a research contract for the biennial survey, to include designing the survey and methods, administering the survey, and coding, cleaning and weighting the results;
- Chairing and directing the work of the Task Force;
- Drafting a report synthesizing the survey findings and making any appropriate policy recommendations; and
- Making de-identified research data available to approved outside entities.

CJCC can run the Crime Victimization Task Force, draft the report, and make de-identified data available for outside researchers within its current budget.

The survey cost will depend on specific bids but is estimated at \$400,000 in the first year. Other district-wide surveys that have a broad-based focus (such as the Metropolitan Police Department consumer sentiment survey, the Department of Health Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey, or the Office of the State Superintendent staffing collaborative survey¹) have had costs ranging from \$200,000 to \$600,000.

¹ Contract CW77184, Contract CW69139, and Contract CW65695, [Contracts and Procurement Transparency Portal \(dc.gov\)](#)

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Crime Victimization Survey Amendment Act of 2023					
Fiscal Year 2024—Fiscal Year 2027					
(\$ in thousands)					
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Total
Biennial survey contract cost	\$400	\$0	\$415	\$0	\$815