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Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

ТО:	The Honorable Phil Mendelson
	Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
FROM:	Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer
DATE:	January 22, 2024
SUBJECT:	Fiscal Impact Statement – Extended Students' Right to Home or Hospital Instruction Amendment Act of 2024
REFERENCE :	Bill 25-317, Committee print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on January 4, 2024

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Currently, students who miss school due to physical or mental illness, injury, or impairment are eligible to receive home or hospital instruction provided by their school. The bill clarifies¹ that prebirth complications, childbirth, and postpartum recovery are health conditions that qualify students for home or hospital instruction.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Public schools (including charter schools) in the District already offer home and hospital instruction to eligible students who miss school due to physical and mental illness, injury, or impairment. Clarifying that pre-birth complications, childbirth, and postpartum recovery are covered health conditions does not have a cost.

¹ By amending Section 2(1) of the Students' Right to Home or Hospital Instruction Act of 2020, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-204; D.C. Official Code § 38-251.01(1)).