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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: October 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Fire and Emergency Medical Services
Department Command Staff Amendment Act of 2019

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 11,
2019

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill establishes a promotional structure for certain positions within the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (FEMS). The bill authorizes the Mayor to promote a member to Assistant Fire Chief from the rank of Deputy Fire Chief or Battalion Fire Chief, to promote a member to Deputy Fire Chief from the rank of Battalion Fire Chief, and to promote a member to Battalion Fire Chief from the rank of Captain. The Mayor may return any member promoted under this structure back to the rank from which she or he was promoted or to the rank of Captain.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Fire Chief currently promotes Assistant, Deputy, and Battalion Fire Chiefs within this structure and the bill provides the statutory framework consistent with this practice. A member will only be promoted when there is a position and budget available and there are no additional costs associated with the bill's implementation. The bill also allows a promoted member to be demoted at the Mayor's direction and there are no costs associated with this authorization.