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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: February 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Support
Clarification Amendment Act of 2017

REFERENCE: Draft Committee Print of Bill 22-466 as shared with the Office of
Revenue Analysis on February 16, 2018

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill makes two changes to the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Support Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2017¹ (“Act”). First, it clarifies that matching funds for the 457(b) retirement plan contributions of Council and District of Columbia Auditor employees will be deposited into a separate 401(a) account. Contributions from employees will continue to be deposited into their 457(b) account.

Second, the bill also amends the Public Use of Public Buildings Amendment Act of 2017. The amendment clarifies that civic associations may hold meetings at public school buildings without charge only when the meeting ends 15 or more minutes prior to the regular shift of the building staff charged with closing the school, unless otherwise agreed upon. The amendment further clarifies that the Mayor may waive liability insurance requirements for a civic association.

¹ See Fiscal Impact Statement issued October 3, 2017 on Bill 22-492, Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Support Clarification Emergency Act of 2017. The emergency law expired on January 21, 2018 and an identical temporary law, D.C. Law 22-44, Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Support Clarification Temporary Act of 2017, will expire on September 7, 2018.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: Bill 22-44, "Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Support Clarification Amendment Act of 2017," Draft Committee
Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on February 16, 2018.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The changes being made to the retirement matching provisions do not have a fiscal impact. The changes being made to the Public Use of Public Buildings Amendment Act of 2017 are intended to limit custodial, security, and insurance costs incurred for civic association use of public schools to amounts already funded in the budget and financial plan.