

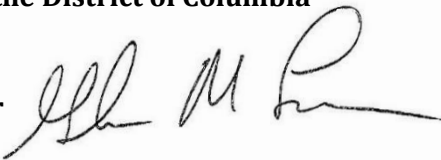
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: September 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Immunization of School Students
Amendment Act of 2023

REFERENCE: Bill 25-278, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on September 6, 2023

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill changes¹ and clarifies several policies and procedures pertaining to immunization of students attending schools, child development facilities, and colleges and universities located in the District. The bill makes the following changes and clarifications:

- Removes the requirement for coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccinations for students.
- Authorizes the Mayor to issue regulations or guidance for immunization attendance standards, required immunizations, and exclusion criteria for schools, child development facilities, and colleges and universities.
- Requires schools and child development facilities to annually distribute immunization information to students.
- Requires schools and child development facilities to notify the responsible person if a student does not have an immunization certification, including the missing immunizations, required immunizations, the date by which the student must be immunized, and a copy of the certificate of health form.

¹ By amending The Immunization of School Students Act of 1979, effective September 28, 1979 (D.C. Law 3-20; D.C. Official Code § 38-501 et seq.).

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- Clarifies the school year by which healthcare professionals must submit all certifications of immunization to public health authorities via electronic means.
- Clarifies language on who is exempt from immunization.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There is no cost to repeal the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for students. Likewise, the District of Columbia Public Schools and public charter schools can distribute immunization information and notify responsible persons about missing immunizations, required immunizations, and missing certificate of health forms with existing resources.