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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 31, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Rear-Facing Car Seat Safety Amendment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Bill 22-661, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 11, 2018

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Current law¹ requires a motor vehicle operator transporting any child under the age of sixteen to be properly restrained in a child restraint system or seat belt. Children under eight years of age must be seated and restrained in an infant, convertible, or booster child safety seat. The bill enhances restrictions for smaller children by requiring a motor vehicle operator to restrain any child under forty pounds or less than forty inches in length in a rear-facing child seat.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Metropolitan Police Department currently enforces car seat requirements and can enforce the bill's changes with existing budgeted resources.

¹ Child Restraint Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-194; D.C. Official Code § 50-1703(a)).