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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

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FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt

Chief Financial Officer

DATE: September 19, 2019

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - Unemployment Compensation Employer

Classification Amendment Act of 2019

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on September

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 makes amendments to the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act¹ to bring the District law into compliance with requirements set out in the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Specifically, the bill expands the definition of employment to include service of individuals working for states, their instrumentalities, and Native American tribes. The amendments cover provisions of the unemployment insurance program concerning the District government, instrumentalities of the District, and nonprofit organizations that allow such employers to reimburse the unemployment insurance program for benefits paid to former employees.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The District Government already participates in the unemployment insurance

¹ Approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat 946; D.C. Official Code § 51-101 et seq.)

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program as a reimbursable employer and the bill will not change current practice or the finances of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.