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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: November 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - Victims' Protection Amendment Act of 2019

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 30, 2019

Conclusion

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

Background

When a person is on supervised release, probation, or parole, the pretrial services agency can request that a prosecutor or the court revoke that release for any violation of the release conditions, including the violation of a stay-away or no-contact order.

The bill makes it unlawful to intentionally violate a stay-away or no-contact order. If the condition was imposed related to a misdemeanor offense, the court can imprison the violator for up to 180 days, fine her or him \$1,000, or both. If the condition was imposed related to a felony offense, the court can imprison the violator up to 5 years, fine her or him \$12,500, or both.¹

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill makes it unlawful to violate a stay-away or no-contact order associated

¹ Criminal Fine Proportionality Amendment Act of 2012, effective June 11, 2013 (D.C. Law 19-317; D.C. Official Code § 22-3571.01).

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FIS: "Victims' Protection Amendment Act of 2019," Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 30, 2019

with supervised release. Because violation of an order is a criminal offense, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) will be able to assist a pretrial services agency with the enforcement of supervised release violations. MPD will need to work with the court system to ensure MPD is aware that an order exists, but MPD can perform any enforcement actions with existing budgeted resources.