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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 26, 2020

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Window Blind and Drape Cord Safety
Notification Act of 2020

REFERENCE: Bill 23-322, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on February 14, 2020

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill requires hospitals, birth centers, and pediatric primary care providers to distribute an informational notice approved by the Department of Health (DOH) to parents and guardians regarding the danger window blind and drapery cords pose to children. DOH must design and distribute a notice that contains information regarding window blind and drapery cord safety. The information contained in the notice must be available on DOH's website.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DOH will hire a contractor to design printed and electronic materials on the dangers of window blind and drapery cords. These materials will be made available for distribution to health care facilities and the general public. DOH can absorb the cost of hiring a contractor to complete this work within its current fiscal year 2020 budget.