

Government of the District of Columbia
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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: July 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Unemployment Profile Act of 2015

REFERENCE: Bill 21-17, Draft Bill shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on July 1, 2015

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$76,000 to implement in fiscal year 2016 and \$323,000 over the four-year financial plan.

Background

The bill requires the Department of Employment Services to write an annual report that profiles the District's unemployed and underemployed residents. The report must identify workforce needs for District jobs and recommend ways to improve job-training programs and employment outcomes.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

To fulfill the bill's requirements, the Department of Employment Services will need to hire a researcher. This person will analyze existing data sets and collect new data. He or she will also write the report. The Department of Employment Services believes that hiring a full-time employee to do this work is much cheaper than hiring a contractor to write the report. It previously paid a contractor \$170,000 to write a similar report. The table below outlines the costs.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill 21-17, Unemployment Profile Act of 2015					
FY 2016 - FY 2019					
	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Four-Year Total
DOES researcher ¹	\$76,170	\$79,217	\$82,385	\$85,681	\$323,453

Notes:

¹Grade 10, Step 5 researcher on the CS-X01 pay scale.