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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 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Council Independent Authority Clarification
Amendment Act of 2016

REFERENCE: Bill 21-581, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue
Analysis on November 15, 2016

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The District mandates that attorneys who work for the District and are required to be members of the District of Columbia Bar submit annually a Certificate of Good Standing from the Committee on Admissions of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. The bill makes permanent the requirement that attorneys working for Mayor and independent agencies submit their certificates to the Department of Human Resources and those working for the Council of the District of Columbia submit theirs to the Secretary of the Council.¹

The bill also removes the Council from the definition of independent agency and clarifies that the Council has control over a number of its own personnel matters, including decisions under the District's voluntary leave transfer program.² The bill allows the Secretary or any agency head to exempt an employee or group of employees from participation in the voluntary leave transfer program if the implementation costs impose a substantial burden on the Council's or the agency's operations.

¹ This provision was first approved through the Certificate of Good Standing Filing Requirement Temporary Amendment Act of 2016, effective April 6, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-99; 63 DCR 6506).

² Voluntary Transfer of Leave Amendment Act of 2003, effective February 6, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-68; D.C. Official Code 1-612.31 et seq.).

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Secretary of the Council and the Department of Human Resources receive Certificates of Good Standing for mandated employees and can continue on a permanent basis with existing resources. The Office and the Council already perform a number of the personnel functions and there are no additional costs associated with the personnel clarifications.