

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeff DeWitt
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DATE: October 24, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - "District Government Certificate of Good Standing Filing Requirement Amendment Act of 2014"

REFERENCE: Draft bill as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 21, 2014

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Under current law,¹ District government attorneys who are at or above pay grade DS-13 must provide a Certificate of Good Standing from the District of Columbia Bar Committee on Admissions ("D.C. Bar") to the Department of Human Resources (DCHR) annually.

The bill requires all attorneys and administrative law judges employed by the District, regardless of their grade level, to file a Certificate of Good Standing from the D.C. Bar with the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA) annually. BEGA will be the repository for the filings, but would have no enforcement or monitoring role. The burden is on District government attorneys to comply with the filing requirement.

DCHR will no longer receive the filings, but will continue to be responsible for reporting on who does not comply with the requirement.

¹ D.C. Official Code § 1-608.81.

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FIS: "District Government Certificate of Good Standing Filing Requirement Amendment Act of 2014," Draft bill shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 21, 2014.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Because the bill only requires BEGA to be a repository and not to do any enforcement or monitoring, no additional resources are required to implement the bill.