

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
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: July 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Shared Use of School Property Amendment Act of 2014

REFERENCE: Bill 20-320, Draft Committee Print as Shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 24, 2014

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill limits the District's liability related to loss or injury when school property is used for public recreation or sports during non-school hours,¹ and when the event is not school-sponsored. The District is still liable for any loss or injury resulting from willful or malicious failure to guard against dangerous conditions, uses, structures, or activities, criminal acts, or negligent installations, inspections, or repairs of the school property.

The bill also makes a number of conforming amendments to reflect that the Mayor, and no longer the School Board, has control of the District's public school system.²

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There are no costs associated with implementation of the bill.

¹ Non-school hours are before and after regular classroom instruction on school days, holidays, weekends, and vacation breaks.

² These include D.C. Official Code § 38-401 (*Control of school buildings; disposition of proceeds*), D.C. Official Code § 38-401.01 (*Annual report*) and D.C. Official Code § 38-401.02 (*Public liability insurance*).