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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
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DATE: November 21, 2012

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Establishment Act of 2011”

REFERENCE: Bill 19-328 – as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill enters the District of Columbia into the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (the “Compact”). The Compact was developed¹ in response to procedural problems encountered by children in military families when transferring between school districts and states. Forty three states have joined the Compact since 2008.² The aim of the Compact is to create consistent procedural standards across the country for children in military families when they transfer school jurisdictions. Some of the issues addressed by the Compact are enrollment, eligibility, absence when parents are on leave from military deployment, and graduation requirements.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

¹ The United States Department of Defense, the Council of State Governments, and a variety of federal, state, and local officials and educational organizations were involved in the development of the Compact.

² Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (www.mic3.net).

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The Office of the State Superintendent of Education can absorb the cost of membership in the compact,³ as well as costs associated with administrative oversight of the compact. The District of Columbia Public Schools indicate that they already operate within the guidelines prescribed by the compact, and do not expect any additional costs.

³ Dues are estimated at \$2,000 annually.