

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

**Natwar M. Gandhi**  
Chief Financial Officer



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** March 1, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Interim Disability Assistance  
Technical Amendment Act of 2002"

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 14-528

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

**Background**

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to amend portions the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982. If passed, this bill would require "reasonable promptness" during Interim Disability Assistance (IDA) application processing, adjust the monthly IDA grant amount the individual can receive, and require applicant cooperation with case management staff during the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) application and appeal process.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds have already been budgeted to provide the additional administrative support needed to satisfy the "reasonable promptness" requirement for processing IDA applications. In addition, funds have already been budgeted to contract case management and legal advocacy for IDA recipients to help them with their SSI application and appeal process.

Current regulations provide an IDA grant equivalent to the monthly Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) grant amount for a family of one (\$239). This bill proposes that the monthly IDA grant be equivalent to the monthly TANF grant amount for a family of one (\$239) or two (\$298). According to DHS, a negligible portion of the eligible population would qualify for the larger IDA grant amount.