

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



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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** MAY 19 2006

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "DC Education Rights Charter Amendment Act of 2006"

**REFERENCE:** Bill 16-699

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**Conclusion**

There is no fiscal impact at this time associated with the provisions of the proposed legislation. Any activities related to the proposed amendment to the Charter of the District of Columbia that may be undertaken by District agencies will need to be budgeted in future years.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend the Charter of the District of Columbia to recognize a fundamental right to educational opportunities as an element of a democratic system of government and would require the District of Columbia to provide a system of free high-quality public schools to every child.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to enact the proposed legislation. Any activities undertaken by District agencies resulting from enactment of the proposed Charter amendment will need to be budgeted in future years.