

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: MAY 19 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "District of Columbia Educational Policies Charter Amendment Act of 2006"

REFERENCE: Bill 16-708

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 facilitate the development of a system of high-quality public schools by requiring that the Board of Education and the Superintendent establish policies to ensure that (1) all third grade students are able to read independently and understand the fundamentals of mathematics upon being promoted to fourth grade, and (2) all eighth grade students are able to read at or above grade level and are exposed to pre-algebra concepts in preparation for high school.

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.