

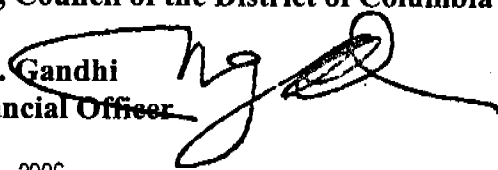
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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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: DEC 1 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Intrafamily Offenses Amendment Act of 2006"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 16-889 as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. No additional resources or staff will be required. All District agencies that are involved have sufficient budget authority and they will be required to absorb any unforeseen costs or operational burdens.

Background

The proposed legislation clarifies existing law as well as the roles and responsibilities of District agencies in the case of a conviction or threat of unlawful action by a person for an intrafamily offense.¹ An eligible petitioner may request civil protections and is then referred to the Domestic Violence Unit for further proceedings. For persons under 16 years of age the petition must be filed by his or her parent, guardian, custodian, another appropriate adult relative, or the Attorney General of the District of Columbia on their behalf. Persons who are 16 or 17 years of age may file a petition for themselves. In any event, the petitioner is entitled to a court appointed attorney.

¹ An intrafamily offense is where an illegal and punishable act has been performed or threatened to be performed between persons who are related by blood, legal custody, marriage, having a common child, shared or having shared a mutual residence, or (in the case of residents of the District of Columbia) as having a romantic relationship.

The proposed legislation amends and clarifies existing law surrounding Court procedures and District government operations that would be involved in cases of intrafamily offenses. These involve, but are not limited to, Metropolitan Police Department actions, visitation, protection orders, fines and imprisonment.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan. No additional staff and resources will be required to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.