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MEMORANDUM

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The Honorable Linda W. Cropp

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM:

Natwar M Gandhi

Chief Financial Officer

DATE:

APR -7 2006

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Impact Statement: "Mandatory Juvenile Public Safety

Notification Amendment Act of 2006"

REFERENCE:

Draft Proposal

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. There would be no negative fiscal impact during the financial plan period. No additional staff or resources will be required.

Background

The proposed legislation would require the Family Court of the D.C. Superior Court to disclose to the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department specified information on juveniles who have been arrested three or more times, arrested for a violent crime, or arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle. In addition, the legislation would require the Family Court to disclose the same specified information for all stay-away and probation orders for juveniles arrested for the aforementioned offenses.

The proposed legislation also requires the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) to provide notice to the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department at least five days in advance of any assignment, transfer, placement, or release of a juvenile who has been arrested three or more times, arrested for a violent crime, or arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle. Additionally, the legislation would require the DYRS to provide information to the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department about any juvenile in the custody of DYRS who absconds or is absent.

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources will be required. The District's local Budget and Financial Plan will be required to absorb any additional and unforeseen costs that may be incurred as a result of this act.