


**Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Chair, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
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**DATE:** JUN 21 2007

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Sentencing and Criminal Code  
Revision Commission Amendment Act of 2007"

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 17-137, Draft Committee Print, June 12, 2007

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation would revise existing statutes relating to the work of the District of Columbia Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission ("Commission") but would not result in a negative fiscal impact.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend sections of D.C. Official Code § 3-101, 102, 103, 104, and 105 to clarify and amend the duties of the District of Columbia Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission ("Commission"), to make certain clarifying technical changes about the membership and meetings of the Commission, and to repeal existing statutes on comprehensive reports and sentencing guidelines. Specifically, the proposed legislation would repeal the existing statutes on reporting requirements and sentencing guidelines (D.C. Official Code § 3-104 and § 3-105) and would:

- Require the Commission to implement and update voluntary sentencing guidelines, publish instructions for applying the guidelines, analyze sentencing data, conduct focus groups and outreach regarding sentencing guidelines, submit an annual report to the Council describing and analyzing sentencing trends, and make recommendations to increase the fairness and effectiveness of sentences in the District (D.C. Official Code § 3-101);

- Clarify that Commission members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, with the exception of members serving ex officio (D.C. Official Code § 3-102); and
- Increase the voting requirement from 7 to 8 for the Commission to act (D.C. Official Code § 3-103).

#### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. It is not anticipated that this legislation would result in a fiscal impact.