

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



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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: JUN 30 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "IntraFamily Offense Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 17-055 Committee Print¹

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 budget and the proposed FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation is not anticipated to have a fiscal effect on the District's budget and financial plan.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the District of Columbia Official Code to:

- Increase the legal protections available to minor victims of dating and domestic violence;
- Hold minor perpetrators accountable and provide them with appropriate interventions;
- Compensate minor victims of dating and domestic violence for expenses relating to their abuse;
- Grant minor parents the right to file for custody of their children;
- Revise and clarify the definitions, procedures and roles of government agencies referenced in intrafamily proceedings;
- Clarify the continuing effectiveness of a temporary protection order when a default civil protection order is issued; and
- Provide a timeframe during which a victim of childhood sex abuse may file an action for damages.

¹ Draft dated July 10, 2008

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 budget and the proposed FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. It is estimated that the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact.