


**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
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: July 11, 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Appointed Attorney Compensation Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: Bill 17-757, Committee Print dated July 11, 2008

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 budget and proposed FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend D.C. Official Code § 16-2326.01(b) to increase the maximum rates for attorney compensation in neglect and termination of parental rights proceedings as follows:

All proceedings from initial hearing through disposition:	\$1600.00 → \$1760.00
Subsequent proceedings other than termination of parental rights:	\$1600.00 → \$1760.00
Proceedings to terminate parental rights:	\$2200.00 → \$2400.00
Appeal of trial court orders (per case):	\$1100.00 → \$1200.00

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 budget and proposed FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Implementation of the

proposed bill would not have an impact on the local portion of the District's budget and financial plan, as appointed attorneys from the D.C. Superior Court are compensated by federal government funds. The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008¹ provided for an appropriation in the amount of \$47,975,000 to fund this effort.

¹ P.L. 110-161. Signed December 26, 2007.