

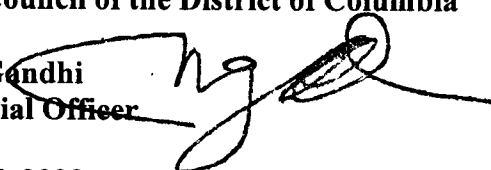
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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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: November 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Domestic Partnership Judicial
Determination of Parentage Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: Bill 17-727, draft Committee Print dated October 27, 2008

Conclusion

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

Background

The proposed legislation would:

- Amend the Vital Records Act of 1981¹ to allow domestic partners to be included on birth certificates as a parent to a child;
- Amend Title 16 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide the Superior Court with the authority to waive a home study where the prospective adoptee is the domestic partner of the natural parent;
- Clarify that a child's legitimate relationship to its parents is not dependent upon the parents being married or in a domestic partnership;
- Provide a presumption that the domestic partner of a woman who bears a child is a parent of the child;

¹ Effective October 8, 1981. D.C. Law 4-34; D.C. Official Code § 7-201 *et seq.*

- Clarify the parentage of a child born through artificial insemination, and to permit a new birth certificate when a consent to parent a child born by artificial insemination is submitted to the Registrar; and
- Amend the Parental Leave Act of 1984² to include domestic partners within the definition of parents.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) could implement the provisions of the proposed bill with existing resources.

² Effective August 17, 1984. D.C. Law 10-146; D.C. Official Code § 32-1201(2)(E).