

**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: NOV 24 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Emergency Care for Sexual Assault Victims Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 17-323 – Committee Print dated November 18, 2008

Conclusion

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

Background

The proposed legislation would require the Department of Health (DOH), in collaboration with the Board of Medicine and Board of Pharmacy, to develop medically and factually accurate written information regarding prophylactic antibiotics for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and emergency contraception for the prevention of pregnancy due to sexual assault. It would require DOH to distribute this information to all District hospitals.

The proposed bill would require that District hospitals provide victims of sexual assault with medically and factually accurate information regarding treatment. It would also require District hospitals to provide prophylactic antibiotics and emergency contraception upon request. The proposed bill would require District hospitals to have written policies regarding the delivery of care to victims of sexual assault. Finally, the proposed bill would require DOH to determine compliance with the Act.

Financial Plan Impact

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

The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration has indicated to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer that it could absorb the cost of implementing the proposed legislation with existing resources.