

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: July 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Returning Citizens and Ex-Offender Services Reform Amendment Act of 2011”

REFERENCE: Bill 19-1, As Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the Office on Ex-Offender Affairs and Commission on Re-Entry and Ex-Offender Affairs Establishment Act of 2006¹ to require the following:

- The Director of the Office of Ex-Offender Affairs to meet and coordinate with members of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council² to disseminate information and recommendations to and from the voting members of the Commission on Re-Entry and Ex-Offender Affairs (“Commission”);
- The Director of the Department of Mental Health and the Director of Addictions Recovery and Prevention within the Department of Health to serve on the Commission;
- At least one of the 15 public members of the Commission be a member of a group or organization that focuses on the needs of female ex-offenders;
- The Commission’s annual report on ex-offenders’ needs be submitted to the Council and the Mayor within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year and include: the Commission’s policy recommendations, a budget analysis detailing the cost of implementing the

¹ Effective March 8, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-243; D.C. Official § 24-1301 *et seq.*).

² As defined in section 1504(a) of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the District of Columbia Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 22-4233(a)).

recommendation, the policy and legislative priorities of the Commission for the following fiscal year, and a summary of community outreach efforts undertaken by the Commission.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The Office of Ex-Offender Affairs can implement the proposed requirements within its existing budget.