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TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Public Schools Hearing
Amendment Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: B17-942 as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation consists of technical amendments to the budget submittal process for the D.C. Public Schools ("DCPS"). No additional resources or new staff time is required to implement these amendments.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend D.C. Official Code § 38-103 to require the Chancellor of DCPS to make available on the DCPS website and in each school an estimate of the amount of funds that will be required to operate the public schools in the upcoming year no later than 21 days prior to the Mayor's annual submission of the District's budget and financial plan to the Council. The proposed legislation also would amend D.C. Official Code § 38-917 to require the Chancellor to solicit public input prior to the submission of the DCPS budget to the Mayor and to require the Mayor to conduct a public hearing on public school funding at least 15 days prior to the Mayor's submission of the District's budget and financial plan to the Council. Finally, by amending D.C. Official Code § 38-2831, the proposed legislation would require that the budget prepared by the Chancellor allocate all monies by activities and comptroller source group, as well as by program, activity, service, and object class by program and activity.

Financial Plan Impact

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