

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: June 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “JaParker Deoni Jones Birth Certificate Equality Amendment Act of 2013”

REFERENCE: Draft Bill shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on May 30, 2013

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 budget and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires¹ the Department of Health (DOH) to issue a new birth certificate designating a new gender for any individual who undergoes a gender transition and subsequently provides a written request and a signed statement from a licensed health-care provider attesting to the procedure. DOH would then seal the original birth certificate.

For cases where the individual was born in another state or country whose laws require a court order to revise a birth certificate, the bill gives the Superior Court of the District of Columbia jurisdiction to issue such an order when the documentation listed above is provided.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 budget and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DOH can cover its administrative costs using existing resources. The Courts may experience some additional caseload, but as they are funded by the federal government, this creates no impact on the District’s budget.

¹ By amending the “Vital Records Act of 1981,” effective October 8, 1981 (D.C. Law 4-34; D.C. Official Code § 7-210 *et seq.*).