


Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeff DeWitt
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DATE: September 26, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – B20-726, Student Nutrition on Winter Weather Days Act of 2014

REFERENCE: Draft Committee Print shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 8, 2014

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) to make a plan to provide free healthy meals to low-income students¹ in DC Public Schools on days schools are closed for bad weather. OSSE must submit the plan to the Mayor and the D.C. Council by October 1, 2015.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. OSSE's staff can create the plan without any additional resources. If the District chooses to implement the said plan, it must appropriate the necessary resources to pay for the meals. Federal and District anti-deficiency laws prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding agency appropriations in any fiscal year.²

¹ Students in high-poverty areas who qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

² 31 U.S.C.A §1341 (2000); D.C. Code §47.355.01 *et. seq* (2003).