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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Glen Lee

Chief Financial Officer

DATE: November 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - Child and Family Services Agency

Investigation Completion Amendment Act of 2024

REFERENCE: Bill 25-243, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue

Analysis on November 14, 2024

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) has a deadline of 30 days to complete an investigation of alleged child abuse or neglect. The bill would extend the deadline to 45 days, unless the allegation involves a child fatality, sex trafficking, or care in a foster home, group home, or licensed day care facility. In these cases, the deadline would be extended to 60 days.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will allow CFSA the flexibility to gather additional information that may not currently be available within the 30-day timeframe. The agency can absorb any additional work required by extending its investigations.