

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: **Glen Lee**
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: **January 23, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Fiscal Impact Statement – Child Abuse Investigation Multidisciplinary Team Certification Amendment Act of 2025**

REFERENCE: **Bill 26-412, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on January 22, 2026**

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Safe Shores is the designated DC Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), and it is the place where multidisciplinary teams¹ charged with responding to child abuse meet to share information, gather facts, and assist child victims of severe physical or sexual abuse. Safe Shores is a nationally accredited CAC through the National Children's Alliance. The bill mandates² the use of an accredited CAC during multidisciplinary team investigations. The bill also establishes an annual reassessment and designation of the District's CAC.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There is no cost to require the CAC to be accredited, and the Child and Family Services Agency can reassess the CAC designation annually without additional resources.

¹ A multidisciplinary team is assembled for each investigation and comprises representatives from the Child and Family Service Agency, law enforcement, legal, social services, and medical organizations to conduct the investigation.

² By amending The Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective September 23, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-22; D.C. Official Code § 4-1301.51 et seq.).