

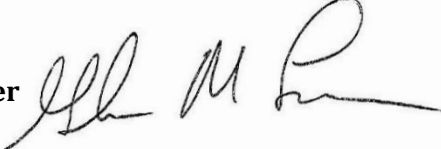
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: October 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Child Behavioral Health Services Dashboard
Amendment Act of 2024

REFERENCE: Bill 25-759, Draft Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on October 16, 2024

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill costs \$111,000 in fiscal year 2025 and \$459,000 over the financial plan to implement.

Background

The bill requires the Department of Health (DC Health) to develop, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), a searchable online behavioral health directory and dashboard. The directory must be available by September 30, 2025, and the dashboard by September 30, 2026.

The directory must include a list of providers offering child and youth behavioral health screening services, behavioral health prevention and early intervention services, and behavioral health treatment services in the District. The directory must provide a link to each provider's website. The directory must also include behavioral health resources that are available through DBH's school-based behavioral health programs at each public school in the District. The directory can list services offered through DC Health, DBH, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, the Child and Family Services Agency, and the Department of Disability Services. The directory must allow users to filter providers by certain variables, including the age of the population served, the services provided, the types of therapy offered, and others provider characteristics.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: "Child Behavioral Health Services Dashboard Amendment Act of 2024," Bill 25-759, Draft Committee
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The online dashboard must include the current number of psychiatric service beds serving children and youth at District hospitals. It must also include the treatment modalities used by each hospital and whether the hospital accepts children and youth who are justice-involved.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill costs \$111,000 in fiscal year 2025 and \$459,000 over the financial plan to implement.

DC Health currently contracts with Findhelp to run an online community resource inventory called LinkU.¹ The search filters and functionality of the LinkU platform can be modified to meet the needs of the bill's directory requirements. LinkU is currently funded via a federal grant that runs through fiscal year 2028.

DC Health requires one additional Data Analyst to maintain and update the directory regularly. The salary and fringe cost of this employee is \$111,000 in fiscal year 2025 and \$459,000 over the financial plan.

No additional resources are required to implement the online dashboard. DC Health can publish the number of psychiatric service beds serving children and youth at District hospitals with current resources.

Bill 25-759 - Child Behavioral Health Services Dashboard Amendment Act of 2024					
Total Cost					
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Total
Salary	\$90,805	\$92,530	\$94,288	\$96,080	\$373,704
Fringe	\$19,977	\$20,835	\$21,730	\$22,663	\$85,205
Total ^(a)	\$110,782	\$113,365	\$116,018	\$118,743	\$458,909

Table Notes:

(a) Assumes one Grade-12, Step-5 Data Analyst and a fringe rate of 22 percent. Assumes salary growth of 1.9 percent and fringe growth of 2.35 percent.

¹ See: <https://linkudmv.org/>