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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
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DATE: April 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Education Code Adjustments Amendment Act of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 26-430, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on April 8, 2026

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2026 budget and proposed fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill makes several adjustments and clarifications to education-related reporting requirements across multiple agencies. The bill also repeals several obsolete provisions in the D.C. Code. These adjustments and clarifications align existing law with current practice. These changes are organized below by affected agency.

For the Office of the State Superintendent for Education (OSSE), the bill:

- Repeals¹ the annual report on the District’s real estate portfolio and business plans

¹ By repealing Section 4046 of the Schools Modernization Amendment Act of 2005, effective October 20, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code § 1-325.45).

- Requires² the agency to maintain a public dashboard that tracks attendance data for each public school in the District that is updated monthly to reflect the rate of chronic absenteeism, provides historical data, and is filterable by grade level and Ward.
- Repeals³ the once-every-five-years report on local education agency (LEA) and school implementation of practices to promote school safety and reduce exclusion.
- Requires⁴ submission of an addendum every five years, starting in 2026, to its annual public report on school discipline. The addendum must evaluate the five preceding years of report information and the long-term impact of disciplinary policies and practices.
- Allows⁵ OSSE to combine reporting on pre-k quality and changes the reporting deadline to May 15 instead of December 30.
- Clarifies⁶ what must be included in annual reporting on participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) program and repeals annual reporting on efforts to promote Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children in child development facilities.
- Changes⁷ when the annual residency fraud report must be submitted.
- Repeals⁸ the requirement to report on participation in the DC Free Meals Program.
- Changes⁹ the triennial Environmental Literacy Report to a biennial report.
- Requires¹⁰ reporting of school health profiles once annually on March 15.
- Repeals¹¹ the requirement to report biennially on student achievement with respect to health and physical education.
- Changes¹² the date in which the agency must annual report school enrollment from December 31 to March 15.
- Repeals¹³ the school climate pilot program and selective service awareness campaign.

² By amending Section 2 of An Act To provide for compulsory school attendance, for the taking of a school census in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, effective February 4, 1925 (43 Stat. 806; D.C. Official Code § 38-203).

³ By amending Title II of the Attendance Accountability Amendment Act of 2013, effective September 19, 2013 (D. C. Law 22-157; D. C. Official Code § 38-236.01 et seq.).

⁴ Id.

⁵ By amending The Pre-k Enhancement and Expansion Amendment Act of 2008, effective July 18, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-202; D.C. Official Code § 38-271.01 et seq.).

⁶ By amending Section 4074 of The Healthy Tots Act of 2014, effective February 26, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-155; D.C. Official Code § 38-283).

⁷ By amending Section 15c of the District of Columbia Nonresident Tuition Act, effective May 9, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-126; D.C. Official Code § 38-312.03).

⁸ By amending Section 405(2) of The Healthy Schools Act of 2010, effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-209; D.C. Official Code § 38-824.05(2)).

⁹ By amending Section 502(c)(1) of the Sustainable DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014, effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 20-142; D.C. Official Code § 38-825.02(c)(1)),

¹⁰ By amending Section 602(d) of The Healthy Schools Act of 2010, effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-209; D.C. Official Code § 38-826.02(d)).

¹¹ By repealing Section 701(c) of The Healthy Schools Act of 2010, effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-209; D.C. Official Code § 38-827.01(c)).

¹² By amending Section 2402(c) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995, effective April 26, 1996 (110 Stat. 1321; D.C. Official Code § 38-1804.02(c)).

¹³ By amending Section 3(b) of the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, effective October 21, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-176; D.C. Official Code § 38-2602(b)).

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- Provides¹⁴ the agency with the authority to issue grants to DCPS or public charter schools, LEAs, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, education service providers, or any other entity serving or supporting District learners for the purpose of increasing access to educational opportunities in the District.
- Repeals¹⁵ the requirement to report on the enrollment status and graduation rates of students receiving the DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DC TAG).
- Repeals¹⁶ the requirement that the agency post the algorithm to determine next year's Uniform Per Student Funding Formula base amount.
- Requires¹⁷ the Higher Education Licensing Commission to report quarterly on its website information related to educational institution licenses.
- Updates¹⁸ the quorum for the transaction of official business for the District of Columbia Educational Opportunity for Military Children State Council from five to three members.

For the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and Public Charter Schools, the bill:

- Requires¹⁹ schools to report the number of students whose attendance rate improved after referral to a school-based student support team in the following quarter of that school year.
- Requires²⁰ schools to report on the total number of minors chronically absent, categorized by grade, and the total number of minors in each grade.
- Repeals²¹ the requirement that the DCPS Chancellor report annually on readiness and promotion for certain grades.

For the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME), the bill:

- Repeals²² the required annual report on bullying;
- Changes²³ the required annual community-wide needs assessment on out-of-school-time programs, completed by the Office of Out-of-School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes (OST Office), to a biennial report. The bill also extends the deadline for an annual OST Office report on grant-making from November 1 to December 15.

¹⁴ Id.

¹⁵ By amending Section 4025(b)(2) of the Higher Education Financial Aid Assistance Act of 2006, effective March 2, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-192; D.C. Official Code § 38-2734(b)(2)).

¹⁶ By amending Section 104(b) of the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula for Public Schools and Public Charter Schools Act of 1998, effective March 26, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-207; D.C. Official Code § 38-2903(b)).

¹⁷ By amending Section 7(b) of the Education Licensure Commission Act of 1976, effective April 6, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-104; D.C. Official Code § 38-1307(b)).

¹⁸ By amending The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Establishment Act of 2012, effective May 1, 2013 (D.C. Law 19-304; D.C. Official Code § 49-1101.01 et seq.).

¹⁹ By amending Section 2 of An Act To provide for compulsory school attendance, for the taking of a school census in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, effective February 4, 1925 (43 Stat. 806; D.C. Official Code § 38-203).

²⁰ Id.

²¹ Section 504 of the Raising the Expectations for Education Outcomes Omnibus Act of 2012, effective June 19, 2012, (D.C. Law 19-142; D.C. Official Code § 38-755.04).

²² Section 8 of the Youth Bullying Prevention Act of 2012, effective June 12, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-167, D. C. Official Code § 2- 1535.07).

²³ The Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Establishment Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-261, D.C. Official Code § 2-1555.01 et seq.).

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- Exempts²⁴ the DME from publishing a supplement to the 10-year Master Facilities Plan in the same year a Master Facilities Plan is published.

The bill allows²⁵ District agencies to enter sole-source, non-competitive grant agreements for up to \$100,000 with the District of Columbia Education Research Practice Partnership for agency research projects focused on education and workforce development. The bill also repeals outdated provisions²⁶ related to the obsolete Board of Education and Child Care Bureau.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2026 budget and proposed fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill's adjustments and clarifications align existing law with current practice. OSSE, DCPS, Public Charter Schools, and the DME can implement all reporting requirement changes with existing resources. There is no cost to allow District agencies to enter sole-source agreements with the District of Columbia Education Research Practice Partnership for up to \$100,000. Allowing sole-source contracts will allow District agencies to award contracts more quickly to the District of Columbia Education Research Practice Partnership.

²⁴ By amending The School-Based Budgeting and Accountability Act of 1998, effective March 26, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-175; D.C. Official Code §38-2803).

²⁵ By amending Section 103 of the District of Columbia Education Research Practice Partnership Establishment Act of 2018, effective March 28, 2019 (D.C. Law 22-268; D.C. Official Code § 38-785.02).

²⁶ Section 3 of the District of Columbia Board of Education Leasing Authority Act of 1982, effective September 29, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-158; D.C. Official Code § 38-401.01) and The Public School Enrollment Census Act of 1998, effective March 26, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-175, D.C. Official Code § 38-159).