

Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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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 – Empowering Parents in CFSAs Investigations  
Amendment Act of 2026

**REFERENCE:** Bill 26-409, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on January 22, 2026

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**Conclusion**

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

**Background**

The Child and Family Services Agency (CFSAs) receives and investigates reports of abuse and neglect of District residents aged eighteen and younger. The bill requires<sup>1</sup> CFSAs to provide written notification to caretakers about available legal resources during the investigation process. The bill also requires CFSAs to inform caretakers during interviews about their right to counsel, available legal resources, and the Office of the Ombudsperson for Children as a resource for complaints.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. CFSAs already provides written notification to caretakers about available resources. CFSAs will inform caretakers during interviews about their right to counsel, available legal resources, and ability to file complaints with the Office of the Ombudsperson for Children. No additional resources are needed to implement the bill.

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<sup>1</sup> By amending Title 1 of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective September 23, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-22; D.C. Official Code § 4-1301.04 et seq.).