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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 CFSA Investigations
Amendment Act of 2026

REFERENCE: Bill 26-409, 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

The Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) receives and investigates reports of abuse and neglect of District residents aged eighteen and younger. The bill requires¹ CFSA to provide written notification to caretakers about available legal resources during the investigation process. The bill also requires CFSA 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. CFSA already provides written notification to caretakers about available resources. CFSA 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.

¹ 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.).