

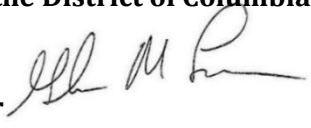
Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: September 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Eric’s ID Amendment Act of 2026

REFERENCE: Bill 26-619, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 8, 2026

Conclusion

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

Background

Maryland resident, Eric Carpenter-Grantham, and his mother, Linda Carpenter-Grantham, advocated for the State of Maryland to add a voluntary indicator on the state’s driver’s licenses and identification cards that would let a first responder know that the owner of that document experiences a hidden disability. Eric, who has high-functioning autism, and his mother devised the idea for an invisible disability indicator when considering how law enforcement interactions could be challenging for individuals with invisible disabilities in the wake of George Floyd’s murder. Eric’s ID Law was passed in Maryland in 2025 and on October 1, 2025, Maryland unveiled a butterfly symbol as the indicator for an invisible disability on licenses and identification cards.

The bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to include a field on any new or renewal application for a license, permit, or identification card for an applicant to indicate that they have a nonapparent disability. DMV should place a butterfly symbol on the front of any document when the individual has requested it. DMV cannot require proof of a nonapparent disability, impose any additional fees for the indicator, or disclose information about the nonapparent disability unless required by law. DMV should work with the Office of Disability Rights to conduct a public outreach campaign on the availability of the indicator.

The bill also requires the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to train all sworn officers on how to interact with individuals who have the nonapparent disability marker on their documents within 180 days of the bill's effective date. The Office of Disability Rights should review MPD's training content in coordination with MPD's ADA coordinator.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the revised fiscal year 2026 budget and fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DMV can work within its existing vendor contracts to update the relevant credential systems that can accept and track the nonapparent disability designation and display the butterfly symbol. DMV does not require additional budgeted resources to conduct a public outreach campaign or to redesign and procure new credential applications that will allow residents to designate a nonapparent disability.

MPD will include training on interactions with individuals with nonapparent disabilities as indicated on their DMV documents within existing planned training. MPD does not require any additional budgeted resources to enhance the existing training and will work with the Office of Disability Rights to ensure the training is appropriate to meet the needs of the disability community.

The Office of Disability Rights will utilize existing staff to provide guidance to DMV and MPD as they enhance their systems, documents, and training to provide this designation for individuals with nonapparent disabilities.