


Government of the District of Columbia  
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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
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**DATE:** November 19, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Helping Children Impacted by Parental Incarceration Amendment Act of 2020

**REFERENCE:** Bill 23-923, Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on November 17, 2020

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**Conclusion**

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$50,000 in fiscal year 2021 and \$100,000 over the four-year financial plan for the Office on Returning Citizen Affairs (ORCA) to conduct a needs assessment and develop a strategic plan.

**Background**

The bill requires ORCA to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the needs of District children who have experienced the incarceration of a parent, by coordinating with non-government organizations and government agencies that serve District youth. Specifically, the assessment must look at the social, emotional, economic, educational, housing, health, and mental health needs of children, and estimate the number of children who have experienced parental incarceration in each ward. The assessment must also specify any gaps between existing services and the needs identified by the research. The assessment is due to the Council by December 1, 2021.

The bill also requires ORCA to develop a strategic plan outlining how the District will meet the needs identified in the assessment. The plan must include a timeline, required resources, and a list of any policy or legislative reforms necessary to meet the needs identified. The strategic plan is due to Council by March 1, 2022.

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### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. ORCA intends to engage external partners to conduct the assessment and to assist with development of the strategic plan. The estimated contract costs are \$50,000 in fiscal year 2021 and \$100,000 over the four-year financial plan.

<b>Helping Children Impacted by Parental Incarceration Amendment Act of 2020 Bill 23-923 Fiscal Year 2021 – Fiscal Year 2024 (\$ thousands)</b>					
	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Contractual Services Funding to conduct assessment and develop strategic plan</b>	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$100