

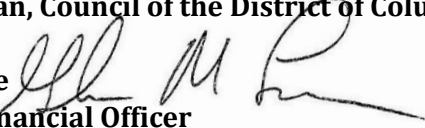
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: April 7, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Juvenile Curfew Amendment Act of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 26-461, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on April 1, 2026

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 budget and proposed fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Mayor and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) can implement the bill within current resources.

Background

The Juvenile Curfew Act of 1995¹ restricts persons under the age of 17 from remaining in a public place or on the premises of any establishment within the District of Columbia during curfew hours² unless they are involved in certain exempted activities³ or accompanied by their parent or guardian.

The bill updates the age classification to 17 years or younger; revises the curfew hours to be from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily; and adds new sections that authorize temporary extensions of juvenile

¹ Juvenile Curfew Act of 1995, effective September 20, 1995 (D.C. Law 11-48).

² D.C. Official Code § 2-1542(1) defines these hours as from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. on the following day, Monday through Thursday; and from 12:01 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. on any Saturday or Sunday, except during the months of July and August (12:01 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. everyday).

³ D.C. Official Code § 2-1543(b)(1) has allowances for: completing an errand at the direction of a parent or guardian, without detour or stop; interstate travel; employment activity and/or related travel, without detour or stop; involvement in an emergency; standing on a sidewalk that joins their residence or the residence of a next-door neighbor, if the neighbor did not complain to police; attending an official event (i.e. school, religious, sponsored by the District, etc.); exercising First Amendment rights.

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curfew hours by the Mayor, and temporary designations of extended juvenile curfew hour zones by the Chief of Police⁴.

The bill adds and defines the term "notice of violation of curfew"⁵ and directs that members of the MPD who encounter juveniles in the designated extended juvenile curfew hours zones and during the hours of curfew are required to issue clearly audible and understandable notices of violation of curfew⁶, provide juveniles adequate time to disperse, and capture the encounter on body-worn camera.

The Mayor may extend the juvenile curfew hours "to protect public safety or public or private property" through issuance of an administrative order that states the basis, location, days and hours; does not begin earlier than 8:00 p.m. or extend past 6:00 a.m.; is not in effect for more than four consecutive days, unless through issuance of a subsequent order extending to 30 total days; solely applies to groupings of 9 or more individuals; is not effective until 24 hours following issuance, unless in emergency circumstances outlined in the order; and is promptly posted online.

The Chief of Police may designate an extended juvenile curfew hours zone, in which extended juvenile curfew hours determined by the Chief of Police apply, "to protect public safety or public or private property" through issuance of an order that: states the basis, boundaries, days and hours; does not begin earlier than 8:00 p.m. or extend past 6:00 a.m.; is not in effect for more than four consecutive days, unless through issuance of a subsequent order extending to 30 total days; solely applies to groupings of 9 or more individuals; and is accompanied by notice and signage posted of the designation online and in the immediate relevant area.

The Chief of Police may be petitioned⁷ to establish an extended juvenile curfew hours zone by an Advisory Neighborhood Commission, Business Improvement District, or Main Street organization.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 budget and proposed fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Mayor and MPD can implement the bill within current resources.

⁴ The bill also inserts a definition for the Chief of Police as the "Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department" in D.C. Official Code § 2-1542.

⁵ The phrase means a verbal warning, issued by an official to inform a group of juveniles that they are violating the terms of a curfew, that they may be arrested if they continue to violate the curfew, and identifies reasonable steps that they can take to leave the area to avoid arrest.

⁶ If there is not an imminent danger of bodily injury or significant damage to property, the MPD shall issue at least two clearly audible and understandable notices of violation of curfew; or if there is imminent danger of bodily injury or significant damage to property, issue at least one clearly audible and understandable notice of violation of curfew.

⁷ The petition must include boundaries, hours, duration, and reasons the entity is requesting the designation. The Chief of Police may also require additional information at their discretion.