

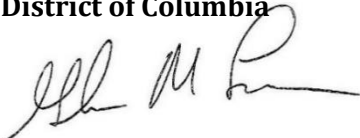
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Luggage for All Youth in Foster Care
Amendment Act of 2024

REFERENCE: Bill 25-952, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on November 6, 2024

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires the District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) to provide new or slightly used luggage to youth entering foster care, moving from one placement to another, starting higher education or military service, or exiting foster care. If a youth is already in possession of luggage that remains suitable when a child's status changes, CFSA is not required to provide luggage.

The bill authorizes CFSA to accept donations to carry out the luggage for youth program. CFSA is required to inspect all donations of luggage to ensure they meet the qualifications of new or slightly used under the law and reject donations that do not qualify. The agency must also maintain a supply of new and slightly used luggage.

The bill establishes that luggage provided to youth becomes property of the youth and may not be reclaimed by the agency or anyone the youth lives with while in foster care. CFSA must develop procedures through rulemaking for the inspection, storage and distribution of luggage, and report every January 31 on various elements of the program to the Mayor, Council, and Ombudsperson for Children.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: Bill 25-952, "Luggage for All Youth in Foster Care Amendment Act of 2024," Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on November 6, 2024.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill codifies much of the existing practice and CFSA, which has a supply of new and slightly used luggage for youth. CFSA can meet all the requirements of the bill within current resources.