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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Glen Lee

Chief Financial Officer

DATE: September 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - Retired Firefighter and Police Officer

Redeployment Amendment Act of 2023

REFERENCE: Bill 25-610, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue

Analysis on September 10, 2024

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill makes permanent temporary legislation¹ allowing retired officers from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and retired Firefighters from the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department to be eligible for rehire at the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) as temporary full-time or temporary part-time 911 call takers or dispatchers, without impacting the individual's retirement benefits. The work will not count as additional service toward the police or fire pensions.

Most retired District employees collecting pension benefits who are rehired by another agency are subject to annuity offset.² Retired MPD officers who are rehired in certain positions with the Department of Forensic Sciences or the District of Columbia Public Schools are exempt from the offset requirement.³

¹ Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, effective March 1, 2024 and expires October 12, 2024 (D.C. Law 25-131; 71 DCR 667).

² D.C. Official Code § 5–723(e).

³ D.C. Official Code § 5–761 and § 5–762.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson FIS: Bill 25-610, "Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Amendment Act of 2023," Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 10, 2022

Financial Plan Impact

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

The bill does not change existing police or fire pension benefits for rehired individuals, as the authorized OUC positions cannot count as additional service. The bill does not have an impact on the budget of OUC, because any hiring must occur in approved and budgeted positions.