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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: January 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Safe Pregnancy, Delivery, and Postpartum Care for Youth at DYRS Amendment Act of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 26-404, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on January 22, 2026

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires¹ the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) to provide prenatal and postpartum care to pregnant youth in its care. Specifically, the bill requires DYRS:

- Provide pregnancy tests to all biological female youth upon admission to a facility under its control or when required at the request of a physician.
- Inform youth orally or in writing of relevant standards and policies for pregnant individuals in DYRS' care upon confirmation of a detained youth's pregnancy.
- Provide comprehensive healthcare, evaluation, and treatment from maternal healthcare providers licensed in the District, including:
 - Contact with a maternal care provider within the first three weeks postpartum, followed by ongoing care as needed, concluding with a comprehensive visit no later than twelve weeks after birth;
 - Specialized pregnancy or postpartum healthcare as needed; and

¹ By amending The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services Establishment Act of 2004, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-335; D.C. Official Code § 2-1515.01 et seq.).

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- Counseling on family planning, prenatal counseling and education, birth control, test results, and counseling for perinatal mental health conditions.
- Provide, at no cost to individuals, medical, healthcare, and personal care supplies prescribed or recommended by a licensed healthcare provider treating an individual or reasonably requested by an individual, including breastfeeding equipment and a specialized diet.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DYRS already provides pregnancy tests and healthcare evaluations for pregnant youth in its care. The agency also has written policies addressing the care of pregnant youth in its facility. No additional resources are required to implement the bill.