

Government of the District of Columbia
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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 – Strengthening Capacity and Transparency at DYRS Amendment Act of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 26-407, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on January 22, 2026

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$234,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$658,000 over the financial plan.

Background

The bill requires¹ the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) to publish real-time population data pertaining to youth at the Youth Service Center (YSC) and New Beginnings on the DYRS website. The specific data that must be reported includes:

- Daily population counts by status at entry, race, and age;
- Average length of stay for all youth within the facility;
- Monthly number of youth who:
 - Are newly admitted to the YSC already with a committed status;
 - Convert to committed status from another legal status while at YSC; and
 - Are placed in instances of improper room confinement.²
- The average number of days confined for committed youth at release from the YSC, by month of admission or conversion to committed status;
- Monthly critical incident and assault data by incident type, facility, and month; 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.).

² Pursuant to D.C. Official § 24-912.

- Recidivism data, which must be measured using the following metrics and publicly reported at 12-month, 24-month, and 36-month intervals:
 - The percentage of youth who are adjudicated delinquent or convicted of a new offense within 12 months of release from an out-of-home committed placement;
 - The percentage of youth who are charged with a new offense within 12 months of release from an out-of-home committed placement; and,
 - The percentage of youth who are committed or incarcerated as a result of a new offense within 12 months of release from an out-of-home committed placement.

The bill also requires the Mayor to submit a report to the Council within 120 days after the bill's effective date, outlining a one-year action plan to address overcrowding and the awaiting placement population at YSC. The plan must specify how DYRS will permanently reduce the juvenile population at YSC to at or below its maximum capacity.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$234,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$658,000 over the financial plan.

DYRS will need to hire an additional data scientist to enhance its ability to provide consistent real-time data reporting on its website. The salary and fringe costs for this employee are \$134,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$558,000 over the financial plan. DYRS will also need to hire a consultant to develop the action plan to address overcrowding at YSC. The contract cost for a consultant will be \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026.

Strengthening Capacity and Transparency at DYRS Amendment Act of 2025					
	Total Costs				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Total
Salary ^(a)	\$105,000	\$107,000	\$109,000	\$112,000	\$433,000
Fringe ^(b)	\$29,000	\$31,000	\$32,000	\$33,000	\$125,000
Consultant ^(c)	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
Total	\$234,000	\$138,000	\$141,000	\$145,000	\$658,000

(a) Assumes salary for one Grade 13, Step 5 Data Scientist. Assumes cost growth of 2.1 percent in fiscal year 2027 and 2.0 percent in fiscal years 2028 and 2029.

(b) Assumes fringe rate of 27.9 percent with cost growth of 2.4 percent in fiscal year 2027 and 2.35 percent in fiscal years 2028 and 2029.

(c) Assumes one-time consultant cost in fiscal year 2026.