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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 20, 2026**
SUBJECT:	**Fiscal Impact Statement – Supporting Survivors Omnibus Amendment Act of 2026**
REFERENCE:	**Bill 26-835, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on November 18, 2026**

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) requires $280,000 in fiscal year 2027 and $1.4 million across the financial plan period.

Background

The bill establishes a Domestic Violence (DV) Response Program Coordinator to oversee reduction and response to incidents of domestic violence and coordinate work with MPD data specialists; and assigns a DV specialist at the victim services branch. The bill clarifies how firearms must be surrendered when a civil protection order is violated, with a specified timeline of 48 hours for relinquishment and provides immunity for illegal firearm possession and for transportation of that illegal firearm to relinquish.

The bill requires judges to consider high-risk factors for lethality, such as prior convictions of intrafamily offense violations, when determining whether to order pretrial detention when someone is charged with committing an intrafamily offense or charged with violating protective orders and anti-stalking orders. The bill adds economic abuse to the definition of domestic violence in the context of the Domestic Violence hotline and defines financial abuse as economic abuse in the divorce code. The bill exempts from public release body-worn camera (BWC) footage involving a domestic violence- or human-trafficking-related offense, stalking, and sexual assault., h., however, it clarifies that this provision does not prevent alleged victims from accessing unredacted BWC.

Under the bill, the following actions are eligible for a pretrial detention–hearing to determine whether any condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of any other person and the community: (1) unlawful entry in a private dwelling against the lawful resident of that dwelling, coupled with simple assault, misdemeanor stalking, or misdemeanor threats; and (2) felony threats against intimate partners, including threats to kidnap, injure, or damage property, by someone who is under a protection order or criminal restraining order requested by the same intimate partner. The bill specifies that the rebuttable presumption to revoke release is triggered when a person is on release for a crime of violence or dangerous crime against an intimate partner and is subject to a civil protection order, temporary protection order, anti-stalking order, stay-away order, or no contact-order requested by that same intimate partner and commits, against the same intimate partner, threats to kidnap or injure or physically damage property; threats to do bodily harm; stalking; and/or simple assault.

The bill makes permanent certain expiring provisions in the Secure DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2024,[1] including:

- Retaining strangulation, repeated misdemeanor sexual abuse of a child or minor, repeated misdemeanor sexual abuse, and felony sex offenses as crimes of violence eligible for pretrial detention;
- Maintaining the rebuttable presumption for pretrial detention for first degree sexual abuse, child sexual abuse, aggravated assault, first degree child cruelty, kidnapping, manslaughter, and carjacking along with juvenile offenses committed with knives, unarmed murder, first degree sexual assault, and carjacking;
- Maintaining the requirement for a written statement of reasons for pretrial release from judges;
- Maintaining the allowance for up to a 45-day continuance, rather than 20 days, for a trial; and
- Maintaining the correction to the presumptive detention standard for murder to align with less serious crimes, all with probable cause, rather than murder having a higher presumption, or substantial probability.

The bill grants the Office of Attorney General (OAG) subpoena authority for criminal contempt. The bill prohibits the disclosure and publication of technology-generated non-consensual pornography by criminalizing the knowing distribution or disclosure of a false sexual image of an identifiable individual a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a $11,000 fine, when done without consent and with intent to harm, harass, degrade, sexually gratify, or obtain financial gain and elevating the offense to a first-degree felony, punishable by up to two years' imprisonment and a $12,500 fine, for repeat offenders or offenses involving minors.

Lastly, the bill makes the automatic sealing for certain misdemeanor offenses implementable, due to data limitations from federal partners through changing the date of sealing from 10 years from the completion of the sentence to 10 years from the date of the conviction.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. MPD requires $280,000 in fiscal year 2027 and $1.4 million across the financial plan period.

[1] D.C. Law 25-175, effective June 8, 2024 (D.C. Law 25-175; 71 DCR 7353).

B26-835 - Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence and Abuse Omnibus Amendment Act of 2026 Total Costs ($ in thousands)					
	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	**TOTAL**
Program Coordinator Salary[(a)]	$101	$137	$140	$143	$520
Fringe[(b)]	$20	$27	$27	$28	$101
Data Analyst Salary[(c)]	$60	$81	$83	$85	$309
Fringe[(b)]	$12	$16	$16	$17	$60
Victim Services Specialist Salary[(e)]	$74	$100	$102	$104	$381
Fringe[(b)]	$14	$20	$20	$20	$74
TOTAL	$280	$381	$388	$396	$1,446

Table Notes:

(a) Salary for one Grade 14, Step 5 Career Services (CS) Program Coordinator. Assumes annual 2.0 percent growth. Fiscal Year 2027 accounts for nine months of costs.
(b) Fringe rate of 19.5 percent. Assumes annual 2.35 percent growth. Fiscal Year 2027 accounts for nine months of costs.
(c) Salary for one Grade 11, Step 5 CS Data Analyst. Assumes annual 2.0 percent growth. Fiscal Year 2027 accounts for nine months of costs.
(d) Salary for one Grade 12, Step 5 CS Victim Services Specialist. Assumes annual 2.0 percent growth. Fiscal Year 2027 accounts for nine months of costs.

The bill establishes a DV Response Program Coordinator within MPD's Investigative Services Bureau and assigns substantial responsibilities related to interagency coordination, victim services engagement, training development, community outreach, policy development, service-of-process improvement efforts, and annual reporting of domestic violence and intimate partner violence data. MPD requires additional personnel to implement the bill. MPD requires a Program Coordinator to oversee program implementation, coordinate with patrol officers, investigators, prosecutors, the Mayor's Office, advocacy organizations, and other criminal justice stakeholders, and manage training and outreach. This position costs $120,000 in fiscal year 2027 and $621,000 across the financial plan period.

The bill requires the Program Coordinator to work with MPD data specialists regarding the collection of MPD and criminal justice data on domestic violence and intimate partner violence statistics for annual publication. MPD requires a Data Analyst to support the collection, analysis, tracking, and annual publication of domestic violence and intimate partner violence data and performance metrics. The Data Analyst would be dedicated to domestic violence analysis within a centralized unit for continuity regarding MPD standards, systems and processes. This position costs $72,000 in fiscal year 2027 and $369,000 across the financial plan period.

Lastly, the bill assigns one DV Victim Services Specialist to the MPD Victim Services Branch. The Victim Services Branch works to connect victims and at-risk residents to resources; reduce repeat

DV incidents through direct one-on-one intervention and case follow-up; build trust in targeted communities; and partner with patrol to ensure direct, real-time transfer of care or information between law enforcement and victim services. MPD requires a Victim Services Specialist to coordinate with victim service providers, survivors, housing and behavioral health partners, culturally specific organizations, and other community-based stakeholders to improve victim-centered responses and service delivery. This position costs $88,000 in fiscal year 2027 and $455,000 across the financial plan period.