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Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

то:	The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia				
FROM:	Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer				
DATE:	October 25, 2024				
SUBJECT:	Fiscal Impact Statement – Youth Work Permit and Employment Protection Act of 2024				
REFERENCE:	Bill 25-745, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 10, 2024				

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$785,000 in fiscal year 2025 and \$3 million over the four year financial plan.

Background

Under current law, residents aged 14 to 17 must obtain a work permit from DC Public Schools in order to work for a District employer. The bill transfers the responsibility for issuing work permits to youth from DCPS to the Department of Employment Services (DOES), and provides DOES with enforcement authority regarding youth work permits.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$785,000 in fiscal year 2025 and \$3 million over the four year financial plan.

DOES must stand up a separate unit with three administrative positions to manage the youth work permit issuance process. The agency will require a front end application system to process and store applications. Additionally, the agency will require three compliance specialists to provide for proactive reviews of employer compliance and enforcement of the youth work permit laws.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: Bill 25-745, "Youth Work Permit and Employment Protection Act of 2024," Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 10, 2024.

Bill 25-745 - Youth Work Permit and Employment Protection Act of 2024 Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2028 (\$ thousands)							
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Total, FY2025- FY2028		
Personal Services Costs - 6							
FTEs Department of							
Employment Services ^{(a) (b)}	\$618	\$630	\$642	\$654	\$2,543		
Non-Personal Services ^(c)	\$167	\$117	\$102	\$102	\$488		
Total	\$785	\$747	\$744	\$756	\$3,031		

Table Notes:

- a) One Program Manager grade 14/1, Two Program analysts Grade 11/1, Two Compliance Specialists Grade 12/5), One Compliance Specialist Grade 11/5), with financial plan growth rate of 1.9 percent annually.
- b) Fringe benefits 23.5 percent of salary, with financial plan growth rate of 2.3 percent annually.
- c) Information Technology system development (Estimated \$100,000 system plus maintenance costs), new employee equipment and supplies, public education, and training.