


Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** December 20, 2016

**SUBJECT:** REVISED Fiscal Impact Statement – UDC DREAM Amendment Act of 2016

**REFERENCE:** Bill 21-422, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on December 2, 2016

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*This revised fiscal impact statement reflects that funds are sufficient to implement the bill based on recent data provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis by the University of the District of Columbia and the Deputy Mayor for Education. This statement replaces the one issued on December 6, 2016.*

**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

The bill provides in-state tuition rate access to a broad range of existing and future students, including students who live out-of-state, but received their high school graduation diploma or equivalency from a District school or service provider. Current students who pay out-of-state or metropolitan region tuition rates, but meet the bill's criteria would become eligible for in-state tuition. The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) estimates that this shift could reduce tuition revenues by approximately \$250,000 annually. UDC can absorb any losses within its existing programs and resources.

**Background**

The bill authorizes UDC to provide in-state tuition and local financial aid to an individual who meets certain high school or high school equivalency requirements, regardless of the individual's federal immigration status. An individual is eligible if he or she attended high school in the District for three years, graduated from high school in the District, or received his or her high school diploma equivalency from the District. The individual must provide one of four documents to establish eligibility:

1. Official transcript from a District of Columbia public school, public charter school, or private school;
2. Diploma from a District of Columbia public school, public charter school, or private school;
3. State diploma from the Office of the State Superintendent of Education; or
4. Official certificate of completion of the equivalent high school diploma.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill authorizes UDC to offer in-state tuition to any potential student, whether or not he or she is a United States citizen, so long as the potential student meets the eligibility criteria and provides the appropriate documentation. UDC estimates that its existing student population who could shift from out-of-state or metropolitan region tuition would reduce revenues by approximately \$250,000 annually. The University can absorb this tuition revenue loss. UDC expects new students, and thus new tuition, to help off-set some of this loss, but we do not have sufficient data to project any new student revenues at this time.

UDC is an independent instrumentality of the District, but the District's General Fund does subsidize its operations annually.