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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** March 23, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Youth Records Transparency and Oversight  
Amendment Act of 2025

**REFERENCE:** Bill 26-401, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on February 18, 2026

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*Note: This fiscal impact statement is updated to incorporate changes made to the Committee on Youth Affairs Committee Print by the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.*

**Conclusion**

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

**Background**

The bill permits<sup>1</sup> several District entities to access juvenile case records to carry out specific duties. The bill allows the Chair of the Council committee with oversight over the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) and the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), as well as the Office of the Ombudsperson for Children (OFC), to access delinquency, need for supervision, and neglect case files when necessary for the discharge of their duties. The bill allows the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to access juvenile case records to defend the District and its agencies, officials, and employees in litigation. The bill allows the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to inspect juvenile case records, analyze case record data, and upload case records to JUSTIS<sup>2</sup> for research and

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<sup>1</sup> By amending Chapter 23 of Title 16 of the D.C. Official Code.

<sup>2</sup> The District's designated Integrated Justice Information System.

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analysis. The bill also specifies how case records should be handled to protect the privacy of individuals identified in case documents.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. CFSA and DYRS can provide the Chair of the Council Committee on Youth Affairs and OFC with access to delinquency, need of supervision, and neglect case files without additional resources. There is no cost to allow the OAG to access juvenile case records to defend the District in litigation. Likewise, the CJCC can access juvenile case records to complete research and analysis without additional resources.