Youth Monitoring Initiative Establishment Act of 2018, Bill 22-0692

Before the Committee on Education

The Honorable David Grosso, Chairperson

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Jeffrey S. DeWitt Chief Financial Officer Government of the District of Columbia Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Bill 22-0692, the "Youth Monitoring Initiative Establishment Act of 2018."

In general, the Bill would establish the Youth Monitoring Initiative in the Office of Out-of-School Time grants and youth outcomes to coordinate and expand programs and public/private partnerships supporting youth mentoring program and opportunities for at-risk youth. The initiative will provide a single administrative unit, responsible to the Mayor, to administer programs delegated to it by the Mayor and the Council to promote evidence-based monitoring opportunities and other youth-monitoring related functions.

The bill also states that the initiative shall have, at a minimum, three full-time employees plus any temporary staff approved by the Office of Budget and Planning (OBP) to carry out the purposes of this act. OBP is not the appropriate office to determine the staffing level needed to carry out this initiative. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, which manages the operations of the Out-of-School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes program, is currently working on the number of full-time and temporary staff needed to support the program. Once this information is developed, the Executive Director of the program will work with the Office of the Chief Financial Officer to develop a fiscal impact statement.

Proposed Amendment

Section 2(b) of the Youth Monitoring Initiative Establishment Act of 201 should be amended as follows:

"The initiative shall have, at a minimum, three full time employees, plus any temporary staff approved by the Office of Budget and Planning the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education to carry out the purposes of this act."