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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

OCT 11 2017

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 504
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council of the District of Columbia is a measure entitled the "Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Systems Fund Amendment Act of 2017."


The enclosed bill will allow monies in the Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund ("Fund") to be used to pay for personnel costs. This provision will enhance the District's ability to administer a state-of-the-art 911 system. In a city experiencing continuous population growth, the ability to employ more information technology professionals will support the OUC in fulfilling its public safety mandate. The 911 system relies heavily on information technology professionals to research, implement, monitor, test and troubleshoot the 911 system and new innovations to ensure the agency has the tools to provide the best possible service.

The amended legislation also repeals the provision providing funding for wireless providers for costs incurred in providing wireless E-911 service. Technology in this area is constantly changing at a pace faster than the legislation. As a result, wireless providers have not sought reimbursement from the Fund in at least twelve years, obviating the need for the District to make such funding available. Repealing this provision will limit the use of the tax-funded Fund to costs incurred by the District of Columbia in providing the 911 system and service.

I urge prompt consideration and approval of this measure.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Karima Holmes, Director, Office of Unified Communications at (202) 727-5687.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser
Enclosures



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund Act of 2000 to allow monies in the Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund (“Fund”) to be used to pay for personnel costs, including the conversion of contractor positions to full-time equivalent information technology positions, and to eliminate the requirement that the Fund be used for direct costs incurred by wireless carriers in providing E-911 service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund Amendment Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Section 603 of the Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund Act of 2000, effective October 19, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-172; D.C. Official Code § 34-1802) is amended as follows:

(a) Subsections (b-1), (b-2), and (b-3) are repealed.

(b) A new subsection (b-4) is added to read as follows:

“(b-4) The Fund shall be used solely to pay for personnel, technology hardware, software and software maintenance, contractual support, 911/311 outreach, 911/311 training, supplies, and equipment costs necessary to provide 911/311 communications. No monies in the Fund shall be used to defray non-personnel costs related to overhead, including energy, rentals, janitorial

29 services, security, or occupancy costs. No monies in the Fund shall be used to defray direct costs
30 incurred by wireless carriers in providing wireless E-911 service.”

31 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

32 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal
33 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
34 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

35 Sec. 4. Effective date.

36 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
37 Mayor, action by this Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
38 provided by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
39 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
40 Columbia Register.


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



Jeffrey S. DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: September 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund Amendment Act of 2017

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on August 24, 2017

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill's implementation will generate cost savings of approximately \$862,000 annually in the Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund (Fund).¹

Background

The bill authorizes the Mayor to increase the number of full-time technology employees at the Office of Unified Communication (OUC) and pay for their salaries out of the Fund. The bill also disallows the expenditure of Fund resources on reimbursements to wireless carriers for providing 911 services.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. OUC plans to transition 22 contractors to full-time employees and will pay their salaries out of the Fund. This transition will save \$862,000 annually for the Fund that generates approximately \$11 million in revenue annually. OUC does not currently reimburse wireless carriers for the provision of 911 services, so there is no impact related to that change.

¹ Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund Act of 2000, effective October 19, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-172; D.C. Official Code § 34-1802).

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: "Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund Amendment Act of 2017,"
Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on August 24, 2017

Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund Amendment Act of 2017					
Special Purpose Revenue Fund Cost Savings					
Fiscal Year 2018 - Fiscal Year 2021					
(\$000s)					
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	Total
Current Contractor Costs	\$3,349	\$3,426	\$3,508	\$3,592	\$13,875
Full-time Employee Costs^a	\$2,517	\$2,575	\$2,637	\$2,700	\$10,429
Cost Savings	\$832	\$851	\$871	\$892	\$3,446

Table Notes

^a Cost includes 22 full-time employees and 4 specialty contractors.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



KARL A. RACINE
ATTORNEY GENERAL

LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alana Intrieri
Executive Director
Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

FROM: Janet M. Robins
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: September 28, 2017

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Review of Revised Draft Legislation, the "Emergency and Non-Emergency Telephone Calling Systems Fund Amendment Act of 2017" (AE-17-502-D)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and has found it to be legally sufficient. If you have questions regarding this certification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 724-5524.

Janet M. Robins