AN AMENDMENT

Bill 23-761, "Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act of 2020"
(ANS)
July 21, 2020

Amendment 1: District of Columbia Public Library in Public Education System

(a) Reduce Program L300, Activity L330, CSG 11 by ($1,057,321) in recurring local funds.
(b) Reduce Program L300, Activity L330, CSG 13 by ($371,491) in recurring local funds.
(c) Reduce Program L300, Activity L330, CSG 14 by ($357,203) in recurring local funds.
(d) Classify ($350,000) in Program L300, Activity L380, CSG 70 as a one-time local funds.
(e) Update totals

Rationale:

This amendment reduces the enhancement for personnel services provided to the District of Columbia Public Library by $1,786M in recurring funds. This amendment also classifies $350,000 of the $1,500,000 recurring enhancement provided to support collections as one-time local funds.

As passed on first reading, the sales tax on advertisements was placed on "the planning, creating, placing, or display of advertising in newspapers, magazines, billboards, broadcasting, and other media...". However, the intention of the tax was only to apply to the placement and display of advertisements, and not on the planning or creation of those advertisements. Amending the tax to only apply to the placement or display of advertisements reduces the amount of revenue raised by the tax. Therefore, this reduction is necessary to meet the new amount of revenue that is estimated to be available in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and financial plan.
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

FROM: Jennifer Budoff - Budget Director

DATE: July 21, 2020

SHORT TITLE: B23-0761 “Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act of 2020”

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REQUESTING OFFICE: Chairman Phil Mendelson

Conclusion
This amendment does not have an adverse impact on the District’s budget or financial plan.

Background
The amendment would reduce a portion of the recurring enhancement to personnel services provided to the DC Public Library (DCPL) by $1.786M, leaving a recurring enhancement of $914,000 for library hours. In addition, the Council provided a $1,500,000 recurring enhancement to DCPL to support collections in the library system. This amendment would also make $350,000 of that enhancement one-time.

The sales tax placed on advertisements in the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Act applied to the “planning, creating, placing, or display of advertising”. However, the intention of the tax was only to apply to the placement and display of advertisements. The sales tax on advertisements will be amended at second reading of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Act to align with the intent which will lower the amount of revenue raised by the tax. This amendment reduces the enhancement provided to the District of Columbia Public Library in order to align the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and financial plan with available resources.