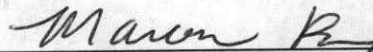


Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr.



Councilmember Marion Barry

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr. introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To establish the Thurgood Marshall Early Education Learning Academy Pilot Program to be located at 3100 Fort Lincoln Dr. NE, the pilot program will provide a comprehensive curriculum to prepare three (3), four (4), and five (5) year olds for elementary school with a staff comprised of highly effective teachers; to require the Chancellor to develop a curriculum that achieves the goal of preparing each enrolled child for elementary school; to require the Chancellor to track and measure the academic development for each child enrolled in the program; to require the Mayor to establish a plan to apply for federal funding for the pilot program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Thurgood Marshall Early Education Learning Academy Act of 2013".

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools as provided for in section 38-174 of the D.C. Official Code.

(2) "DCPS" means the District of Columbia Public Schools as established in section 38-171 of the D.C. Official Code.

Sec. 3. Establishment of the Thurgood Marshall Early Education Learning Academy Pilot Program.

(a) The State Superintendent of Education shall establish and administer the Thurgood Marshall Early Education Learning Academy Pilot Program ("Pilot Program") located at 3100 Fort Lincoln Dr. NE beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. The Pilot Program shall

1 incorporate the "Reading Development and Grade 3 Retention Act of 2013," as introduced on  
2 January 08, 2013 (D.C. Bill 20-41) and the Early Childhood Education Act of 2012, effective  
3 June 19, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-142; D.C. Official Code § 38-751.01). The Pilot Program shall:

4 (1) Enroll 350 children between the ages of three (3) and five (5) who  
5 qualify for the free and reduced lunch program, as follows:

6 (A) 150 three (3) year olds;

7 (B) 100 four (4) year olds; and

8 (C) 100 five (5) year olds;

9 (2) Provide an all-day, comprehensive, and research based curriculum,  
10 in accordance with the requirements set out in the Early Childhood Education Act of 2012,  
11 effective June 19, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-142; D.C. Official Code § 38-751.01) to prepare the  
12 enrolled students for entry to and achievement in kindergarten, first, and all subsequent grades;

13 (3) Hire only highly effective teachers as defined in section  
14 38-753.02 of the D.C. Official Code;

15 (3) Ensure that no more than fifteen (15) students are assigned to each  
16 teacher or classroom;

17 (4) Provide a two (2) hour after school enrichment program, homework  
18 camp, and afternoon snack to all enrolled students;

19 (4) Provide half-day instruction on Saturdays;

20 (5) Provide a six (6) week summer school session with a curriculum in  
21 line with the goal of preparing each child for elementary school and the goals of the Early  
22 Childhood Education Act of 2012, effective June 19, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-142; D.C. Official  
23 Code § 38-751.01);

24 (6) Provide twice daily transportation to and from the Pilot Program for each

1 day of the school week, including Saturdays;

2 (7) Ensure that each student have access to a nutritious meal for every  
3 breakfast, lunch, and afterschool snack during the school week; and

4 (8) Provide monthly parenting workshops for parents of enrolled students  
5 focusing on child development and effective family engagement models that promote reading to  
6 children, basic mathematics, and verbal discipline over corporal punishment.

7 (b) The Chancellor shall be responsible for tracking and monitoring the academic  
8 progress of each student throughout their attendance within DCPS, in accordance with the  
9 requirements set out in the Early Childhood Education Act of 2012, effective June 19, 2012  
10 (D.C. Law 19-142; D.C. Official Code § 38-751.01).”.

11 (c) By July 2013, the Mayor shall appropriate funding for this legislation and  
12 apply for federal funding for the Pilot Program and to renovate the school building to be  
13 conducive to early childhood learning.”.

14 (d) By July 2014, the Mayor shall submit a comprehensive plan, including  
15 funding, to the Council for the expansion of pilot program as follows:

16 (1) By the 2014-2015 school year, extend the program to  
17 accommodate students graduating to the first grade;

18 (2) By the 2015-2016 school year, extend the program to  
19 accommodate students graduating to the second grade;

20 (3) By the 2016-2017 school year, extend the program to  
21 accommodate students graduating to the third grade;

22 (4) By the 2017-2018 school year, extend the program to  
23 accommodate students graduating to the fourth grade;

24 (5) By the 2018-2019 school year, extend the program to

1 accommodate students graduating to the fifth grade”.”

2 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

3 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact  
4 statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved  
5 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

6 Sec. 5. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
8 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as  
9 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24,  
10 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia  
11 Register.