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21 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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26 To amend the Community College of the District of Columbia Plan for Independence Act of
27 2011 to establish a scholarship program to provide free tuition and the cost of mandatory
28 fees to students enrolled at the University of the District of Columbia Community
29 College, and to require the University of the District of Columbia Community College to
30 develop, adopt, and implement the scholarship program.

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32 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
33 act may be cited as the "Community College For All Scholarship Amendment Act of 2015".
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35 Sec. 2. The Community College of the District of Columbia Plan for Independence Act
36 of 2011, effective September 13, 2011 (D.C. Law 19-21; D.C. Official Code § 38-1271.01 *et*
37 *seq.*), is amended by adding new sections 4705 and 4706 to read as follows:

38 "Sec. 4705. Community College For All Scholarship program.

39 "(a) There is established the Community College For All Scholarship program ("CCS
40 program") at the University of the District of Columbia Community College ("UDC-CC") to be

41 administered by the UDC-CC's Office of the Chief Executive Officer ("Office") and the
42 University of District of Columbia Board of Trustees ("Board"), which shall replace the current
43 system of charging students tuition and fees to enroll at UDC-CC.

44 "(b)(1) The CCS program shall provide an eligible student who is admitted to and
45 enrolled at UDC-CC a scholarship equal to the cost of tuition and mandatory fees.

46 "(2)(A) For a student to be eligible to receive the scholarship of free tuition and
47 fees the student shall:

48 "(i) Be a resident of the District;

49 "(ii) Be admitted to and enrolled at UDC-CC following:

50 "(I) Graduation from a high school located in the District;

51 "(II) Graduation from a high school located outside of the
52 District and has been living in the District for at least 1 year;

53 "(III) Completion of high school as a District of Columbia
54 home school student; or

55 "(IV) Having obtained a general education diploma;

56 provided, that the student obtains the general education diploma prior to reaching 24 years of
57 age; and

58 "(iii) Participate in mentoring and community service programs
59 under the rules and regulations promulgated by UDC-CC;

60 "(B) To continue to receive the scholarship, a student shall maintain
61 satisfactory academic progress and a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

62 "(c) A student shall be eligible for the CCS program scholarship established by this
63 section until the student has earned an associate degree from UDC-CC or the number of years the

64 student has attended UDC-CC, excluding approved leaves of absence, equals 2 years from the
65 date of the student's initial enrollment at UDC-CC, whichever occurs first.

66 "Sec. 4706. Scholarship fund.

67 "(a) There is established a Community College For All Scholarship Fund ("Fund"),
68 which shall be administered by UDC-CC's Office of the Chief Executive Officer and the
69 University of District of Columbia Board of Trustees in accordance with subsections (c) and (d)
70 of this section.

71 "(b) Revenue from the following sources shall be deposited in the Fund:

72 "(1) Local funds, grants, or any other forms of local assistance;

73 "(2) Donations, gifts, and grants from public and private entities;

74 "(3) Federal funds, grants, and any other federal assistance; and

75 "(4) Any surplus funds over the \$2,000,000,000 or 60 days of cash in reserve
76 shall be deposited into the Fund up to \$15,000,000.

77 "(c) Money in the Fund shall be used to fund the CCS program as established by section
78 4705.

79 "(d)(1) The money deposited into the Fund, and interest earned, shall not revert to the
80 unrestricted fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a fiscal
81 year, or at any other time.

82 "(2) Subject to authorization in an approved budget and financial plan, any funds
83 appropriated in the Fund shall be continually available without regard to fiscal year limitation."

84 Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

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

88 Sec.7. Effective date.

89 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
90 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
91 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24,
92 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia
93 Register.

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