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21 A BILL

22 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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24 To amend the District of Columbia Act on the Aging to require the Office on Aging to develop a
25 comprehensive strategic plan that shall serve as a long-term blueprint for the District.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
27 act may be cited as the "Senior Strategic Plan Amendment Act of 2018".

28 Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Act on the Aging, effective October 29, 1975 (D.C. Law
29 1-24; D.C. Official Code § 5-501.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

30 (a) A new section 307 is added to read as follows:

31 "Sec. 307. Senior Strategic Plan.

32 "(a) The Office on Aging ("Office") shall develop and publish a ten-year Senior Strategic
33 Plan ("Plan") that will serve as a long-term blueprint for the District.

34 "(b) The Plan shall include:

35 (1) An assessment of the data currently available of District's senior population, Census
36 tracts with large senior populations, and the senior population's needs. The Plan shall

37 additionally note any growth or decline in diversity of the senior population, including among
38 low-income, minority, and English as a second language and non-English speaking residents;

39 “(2) An assessment of current services provided by the Office on Aging, the effectiveness
40 of those services, and the data about the seniors who take advantage of the services;

41 “(3) An assessment of current housing options and issues facing the District’s senior
42 population. Additionally, an assessment of seniors experiencing homelessness and the needs for
43 that community;

44 “(4) A assessment of current transportation methods used by seniors, reviewing
45 quality of service and return on investment;

46 “(5) An assessment of current employment opportunities for seniors who are still
47 interested in participating in the workforce and how to expand on them;

48 “(6) An assessment of fraud and elder abuse in the District of Columbia and affirmative
49 steps the District may take to take ensure resident safety;

50 “(7) An assessment of the Office on Aging’s communication strategy; and

51 “(8) An assessment of the decentralized contractual services provided by Office
52 of Aging and the resources required to provide the quality care to all senior residents.

53 “(b)(1) On a biennial basis, except in years when a new Plan is due, the Office of Aging
54 shall amend the Plan with any updates it deems necessary.

55 “(2) Any changes made to the Plan on a biennial basis shall be accompanied by an
56 explanation for the change.

57 “(c) The Plan shall include a review of national best practices and analysis, and provide
58 recommendations for incorporating such practices into the Plan.

59 “(d) The Office shall consult with various local private and nonprofit service agencies,

60 businesses, advocacy organizations, institutions of higher education, providers, and stakeholders.

61 “(e) The initial Plan shall be published no later than December 31, 2019, and due by
62 December 31 every 10 years thereafter. Biennial updates shall be due by December 31 of each
63 odd-numbered year except in years when a new Plan is due.”.

64 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

65 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
66 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
67 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

68 Sec. 4. Effective date.

69 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
70 Mayor, action by Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
71 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
72 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
73 Columbia Register.