

AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

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

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Act on the Aging, effective October 29, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-24; D.C. Official Code § 7-501.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 307 to read as follows:

“Sec. 307. Senior Strategic Plan.

“(a) The Department on Aging (“Department”) shall develop and publish a 10-year Senior Strategic Plan (“Plan”) that shall serve as a long-term blueprint for District services for the aged.

“(b) The Plan shall include an assessment of:

“(1) The data currently available with respect to the District’s aged population, including:

“(A) Identification of Census tracts with large aged populations;

“(B) The particular needs of those populations; and

“(C) Demographic changes within the aged population, including an analysis of any significant changes in the proportion of aged residents who:

“(i) Have low-incomes;

“(ii) Are minorities; or

“(iii) Speak English as a second language or are non-English speakers;

“(2) Current services provided by the Department, and the data about the aged residents who use the services;

“(3) Current housing options and housing issues facing the District’s aged population, including an assessment of the homeless aged population and their particular needs, in coordination with the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Office of the Tenant Advocate;

“(4) Current transportation methods used by aged residents, including an analysis

of quality and efficiency of service;

“(5) Current employment opportunities for aged residents who are interested in participating in the workforce, and how to expand those opportunities, in coordination with the Department of Employment Services;

“(6) Fraud and elder abuse in the District of Columbia and a recommendation of affirmative steps the District may take to ensure resident safety, in coordination with the Office of the Attorney General;

“(7) The Department’s strategy for communicating with the aged and with the general public; and

“(8) The decentralized contractual services provided by the Department and the resources required to continue those services and to extend the reach of those services to all aged residents.

“(c) The Plan shall include a review of national best practices and analysis with respect to the items listed in subsection (b) of this section and provide recommendations for implementing such practices.

“(d) The Office shall consult with local private and nonprofit service agencies, businesses, advocacy organizations, institutions of higher education, providers, and stakeholders in order to gather data, information, and analyses to inform the Plan.

“(e)(1) The Plan shall be published on the Department’s web page and transmitted to the Mayor and Council no later than December 31, 2019.

“(2)(A) On a biennial basis, except in years when a new Plan is due pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Department may amend the Plan with any updates it deems necessary.

“(B) Any changes made to the Plan on a biennial basis shall be published on the Department’s web page and transmitted to the Mayor and Council, accompanied by an explanation for the change.

“(C) Biennial updates shall be due by December 31 of each odd-numbered year, except in years when a new Plan is due.

“(3) A new Plan shall be transmitted to the Mayor and Council by December 31 every 10 years after December 31, 2019.”.

### Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

### Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

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24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia