


Councilmember Trayon White

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish the Skills Academy Program to offer accessible in demand technology training and job placement assistance to residents, especially residents with the highest barriers to employment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "DC Skills Academy Program Establishment Act of 2018".

Sec. 2. Establishment

(a) The Mayor shall establish a skills academy program to offer courses designed to equip DC residents with in demand technology-based skills. The skills academy shall establish partnerships with employers to place participants in long term positions with opportunities for professional growth and economic advancement.

(b) The skills academy shall provide education and training to prepare participants for careers in web development, data, visual design, digital marketing, mobile development, IT support ,and other in demand careers that leverage technology.

(c) The skills academy shall continuously update and pilot new course offerings and programs to respond to market demand and the evolution of technological offerings and skillsets.

(d) The skills academy shall offer full time, part time, and weekend course work at low or no cost to DC residents who would like to update their skillsets as it relates to in demand technology professions.

34 (e) The skills academy shall also develop online learning tools and platforms to offer course
35 work and trainings.

36 (f) The skills academy program shall be targeted to residents with the highest barriers to
37 employment. The skills academy shall be physically located in an area of the city that can be
38 readily accessed by residents with highest barriers to employment.

39 (g) The skills academy shall establish a hiring platform and offer hiring events to allow
40 companies to explore and connect with participants of the skill academy.

41 Sec. 3. Reporting

42 Not later than 1 year after the date on which the academy is established the Mayor shall
43 conduct an evaluation of the program, and prepare a report, which shall describe the performance
44 of the academy as it relates to number of participants, placements, and course offerings.

45 Sec. 4. Rules.

46 The Mayor, pursuant to Title 1 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure
47 Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), shall issue
48 rules to implement the provisions of this act.

49 Sec. 5. Applicability.

50 (a) This act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved
51 budget and financial plan.

52 (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal
53 effect in an approved budget and financial plan, and provide notice to the Budget Director
54 of the Council of the certification.

55 (c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published
56 in the District of Columbia Register.

57 (2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the
58 applicability of this act.

59 . Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

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

63 Sec. 7. Effective date.

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

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