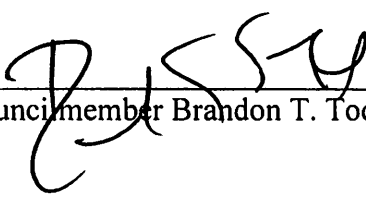

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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish a grant program to provide funding to District employers to hire and retain eligible veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “District Veteran Employment Grant Program Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. District Veteran Employment Grant Program.

(a) There is established a District Veteran Employment Grant Program to be administered by the Mayor’s Office of Veterans Affairs (“MOVA”) for the purpose of providing nontaxable grants to District of Columbia employers whom hire and retain eligible veterans.

(b) To qualify for the grant, employers must have a physical location within the District and have fewer than 100 employees under common control, at the time it applies for a grant.

(c) Eligible veterans are District residents who were honorably discharged with a 50% or more service-related disability.

(d) Through Fiscal Year 2021, the Director of MOVA may issue grants totaling up to \$100,000 to District of Columbia employers.

1 (e) Employers can receive up to \$10,000 in funding over four years when they hire a
2 qualifying veteran full-time and up to \$5,000 for part-time.

3 (1) Employers are eligible to receive up to \$4,000 in the calendar year when the
4 veteran was hired full-time, and \$2,000 in each of the three calendar years following the hire.

5 (2) Employers are eligible to receive up to \$2,000 in the calendar year when the
6 veteran was hired part-time, and \$1,000 in each of the three calendar years following the hire.

7 (3) Maximum grant amount awarded shall not exceed \$10,000 per employer over
8 a four-year period.

9 (f) All grants issued pursuant to this section shall be administered pursuant to the
10 requirements set forth in the Grant Administration Act of 2013, effective December 24, 2013
11 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.11 *et seq.*).

12 Sec. 3. Reporting requirements.

13 Within one year of the applicability date of this act, and by June 1 of every subsequent
14 year, MOVA shall submit a report on the operations of the District Veteran Employment Grant
15 Program to the Mayor and the Council.

16 Sec. 4. Rules.

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

20 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

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

1 Sec. 6. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
3 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
4 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
5 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
6 Columbia.