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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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15 To require the Deputy Mayor for Education to complete a comprehensive study on equitable  
16 funding of parent teacher organizations in the District.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
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19 act may be cited as the “Parent Teacher Organization Equity Study Act of 2020”.

20 Sec. 2. (a) Within 360 days after the effective date of this Act, the Deputy Mayor for  
21 Education shall complete a comprehensive study on equitable governance and funding of parent  
22 teacher organizations (“PTO”) in the District. The study shall include:

23 (1) A survey on the state of PTOs in the District, including a list of public schools  
24 with and without PTOs, and information, by PTO for School Year 2020-2021, on:

25 (A) Membership size;

26 (B) Conditions of membership, including whether the PTO charges dues  
27 or other fees;

28 (C) Meeting frequency;

29 (D) Age of the PTO;

30 (E) Methods of communication with members, including whether the PTO  
31 utilizes a listserv, website, newsletter, or other communication tool;

32 (F) Whether the PTO maintains its own bank account; and

33 (G) Whether the PTO has a mission statement or other formalized  
34 document laying out goals and priorities of the PTO; and

35 (2) Best practices from other jurisdictions regarding:

36 (A) PTO funding and fundraising, including information on school  
37 district-wide policies or practices aimed at promoting equity in the funding of PTOs; and

38 (B) Establishing and supporting PTOs at schools throughout a school  
39 district, with a focus on ensuring the longevity of newly formed PTOs; and

40 (3) Recommendations for changes to District law and policy to promote best  
41 practices for equitable funding and support of public school PTOs.

42 (b) For the purposes of this act, the term “parent teacher organization” means an entity  
43 organized by the parents or guardians of students enrolled in a school to support the school’s  
44 student body, faculty and staff, or programming. The term “parent teacher organization” includes  
45 parent teacher associations, local school advisory teams, and home and school associations.

46 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

47 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
48 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
49 approved October 16, 2006 (12 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

50 Sec. 4. Effective date.

51 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
52 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
53 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
54 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
55 Columbia Register.