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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Establishment Act of 2011 by expanding the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice’s duties to include creating a Adverse Childhood Experiences prevention pilot program to provide access to trauma-informed, whole family supports for families with young children exposed to violence and to provide wellness and mindfulness supports for staff engaged in violence response and interruption efforts; and to amend the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2016 to expand the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement’s responsibilities to include trauma-informed protocol and training.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Adverse Childhood Experience Prevention Pilot Program Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Establishment Act of 2011, effective September 14, 2011 (D.C. Law 19-21; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.191 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 3022(c) (D.C. Official Code § 1-301.191(c)) is amended as follows:

39 (1) Paragraph (5)(B) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a
40 semicolon in its place.

41 (2) A new paragraph (7) is added to read as follows:

42 “(7) Create an Adverse Childhood Experiences prevention pilot program that will:

43 “(A) On a competitive basis, to a local, non-government entity that has
44 experience providing trauma-informed training and education in historically underserved
45 communities in the District, and has capacity to utilize professionals trained in mindfulness,
46 approaches to building resilience and trauma reduction techniques to deliver, in partnership with
47 one or more violence interruption programs, wellness and mindfulness classes and supports to
48 staff engaged in violence interruption or response;

49 “(B) On a competitive basis, to a local, non-governmental entity that has
50 experience providing trauma-informed and multi-generational services and supports through a
51 family well-being program in historically underserved communities in the District, to offer, in
52 partnership with one or more violence interruption programs, the following elective supports to
53 families with children under five years of age who are involved in a violence prevention,
54 interruption or response program:

55 “(i) Culturally responsive mindfulness classes and skill-building;

56 “(ii) Scientifically supported, culturally adapted co-parenting
57 strategies;

58 “(iii) Brief clinical interventions and support to identified
59 participants regarding early childhood and family mental health; or

60 “(iv) High-quality health, mental health, developmental and
61 trauma-informed services for young children and their families; and

62 “(C) Provide for an evaluation by an academic institution in the District of
63 the pilot program, including the impacts on those individuals receiving services in the pilot.”

64 (b) A new section 3022a is added to read as follows:

65 “Sec. 3022a. Definitions.

66 “For the purposes of this act, the term:

67 “(1) “Adverse Childhood Experiences” means traumatic experiences that occur
68 during childhood, including physical, emotional or sexual abuse, physical and emotional neglect,
69 exposure to violence, including community violence, household dysfunction, including substance
70 abuse, untreated mental illness or incarceration of a household member, domestic violence, or
71 separation or divorce involving household members, or involvement with juvenile justice or
72 child welfare system, that can have a profound effect on a child’s developing brain and body and
73 can result in poor health during the person’s adulthood

74 “(2) “Adverse Childhood Experience Prevention Pilot Program” means a strategic
75 set of activities, as defined in (7)(A) and (B), aimed at preventing Adverse Childhood
76 Experiences, supporting families involved in violence interruption programs, and supporting
77 staff carrying out violence interruption programs.

78 “(3) “Family Well Being Program” means the program rendered by instructors
79 who have experience and expertise in offering multi-generational, trauma-informed supports to
80 families with children, including but not limited to: culturally responsive mindfulness classes and
81 parental skill building; scientifically supported, culturally adapted co-parenting strategies; early
82 childhood and family mental health supports; and community engagement strategies.

83 “(4) “Violence Interruption Program” means the evidence-supported, community-
84 based program that employs trained individuals who are highly credible and influential in

85 communities that experience high rates of gun violence, specifically shootings and homicides to
86 prevent violence by de-escalating and mediating violent situations and connecting those at risk
87 for violence with resources ad supports and organizing communities.”

88 Sec 3. Section 101(b) of the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Amendment
89 Act of 2016, effective June 30, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-125; D.C. Official Code § 7-2411(b)), is
90 amended as follows:

91 (a) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a semicolon in
92 its place.

93 (b) Paragraph (6) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; and” in its
94 place.

95 (c) A new paragraph 7 is added to read as follows:

96 “(7) Establishing a trauma-informed protocol and training, including
97 information about the impacts of trauma on early childhood development and the availability of
98 services to support and treat young children and their families impacted by violence, in
99 coordination with a local, non-governmental entity that has demonstrated experience in
100 providing trauma-informed training and education in historically underserved communities in the
101 District for use in response to any violent incident referred to the office.”

102 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement

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

106 Sec. 5. Effective date.

107 The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
108 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
109 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
110 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
111 Columbia Register.