

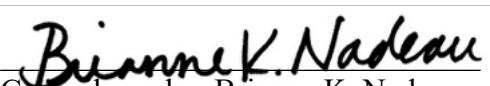


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22 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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26 To amend, on a temporary basis, the Protecting Our Children Emergency Amendment Act and  
27 the Protecting Our Children Temporary Amendment Act to require that local education  
28 agencies must determine and publicize a COVID-19 case rate at which each school must  
29 offer virtual learning, to require the reporting of positive COVID-19 cases within 24  
30 hours to families with a student in an affected classroom and to require that notifications  
31 are provided via a parent or guardian’s preferred contact method, and to require District  
32 of Columbia Public Schools to report to the Council schools that have not been assigned  
33 expanded staffing related to the COVID-19 pandemic.  
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35 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
36 act may be cited as the “Return to School Safely Temporary Amendment Act of 2022”.

37 Sec. 2. The Protecting Our Children Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, enacted  
38 December 13, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-241; 68 DCR 13501), is amended as follows:

39 (a) A new section 102a is added to read as follows:

40 “Sec. 102a. Metrics for virtual education.

41           “(a) Each LEA shall determine and publicize a threshold COVID-19 case rate, that, when  
42 reached by a school within the LEA, will require the school to transition to distance learning for  
43 all students in the school within 24 hours.

44           “(b) Each LEA shall publicize the method used to determine the COVID-19 case rate  
45 determined pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The COVID-19 case rate metric shall be  
46 calculated based on the number of students and school personnel typically present in the school  
47 building on a school day.”.

48           (b) Section 104 is amended as follows:

49                   (1) Subsection (a)(2) is amended by striking the phrase “After” and inserting the  
50 phrase, “Within 24 hours after” in its place.

51                   (2) Subsection (b) is amended to read as follows:

52                           “(b)(1) The notifications required by subsection (a)(1) of this section may be electronic.

53                           “(2) The notifications required by subsection (a)(2) of this section shall be  
54 electronic and through the preferred method of contact asserted by a student’s parent or guardian,  
55 if one has been asserted.”.

56           (c) A new section 105a is added to read as follows:

57                   “Sec. 105a. Reporting on expanded staffing.

58                   “Within 2 business days after the effective date of the Return to School Safely  
59 Emergency Amendment Act of 2022, passed on emergency basis January 4, 2022 (B24-XXX),  
60 and weekly thereafter, DCPS shall transmit to the Council the names of schools that have not  
61 been assigned a COVID Strategy & Logistics Coordinator and the names of schools that have  
62 not been assigned a full-time substitute teacher as of that date.”.

63           Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

64           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
65 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
66 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-307.47a).

67           Sec. 4. Effective date.

68           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
69 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
70 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
71 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
72 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).