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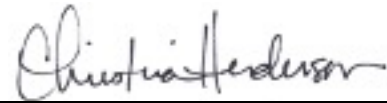
Statement of Introduction for the Attendance Zone Boundaries Amendment Act of 2022
January 3, 2022

Today, I am introducing the Attendance Zone Boundaries Amendment Act of 2022. The DC Advisory Committee on Student Assignment offered policy and planning recommendations in August 2014 regarding the District’s school boundaries and feeder patterns. It was an arduous undertaking and one whose challenges were amplified by the fact that neither the school boundaries nor feeder patterns had been revised since 1968—a gap of 46 years.

It is important that our students, parents, educators, and community members have clear and consistent expectations on matters of such high importance as students’ educational opportunities. Additionally, it is the government’s responsibility that to ensure fair and proportional allocation of resources necessary for students to grow and thrive apace with population, educational, economic, and demographic changes. The DC Advisory Committee on Student Assignment recognized this and included in their final report the recommendation that the District undergo a comprehensive review of student assignment policies, including school boundaries and feeder patterns, every 10 years beginning in 2022.

After learning that this recommendation was not acted codified at the time, I am introducing this measure to avert future challenges to the student assignment system for the city and its families. The Attendance Zone Boundaries Amendment Act of 2022 would require the Mayor to undertake a comprehensive review of student assignment policies, including school boundaries and school feeder patterns, every ten years beginning in 2024.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Council, the Chairman, and others to pass this legislation providing clarity and predictability to students and community members in the District of Columbia.



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AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Attendance Zone Boundaries Act of 2013 to require that the Mayor periodically conduct a comprehensive review of student assignment policies which include school boundaries and school feeder patterns.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Attendance Zone Boundaries Amendment Act of 2022.”.

Sec. 2. Section 4072 of the Attendance Zone Boundaries Act of 2013 effective December 24, 2013 (DC Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code § 38-221) is amended as follows:

(a) The existing text is redesignated as subsection (a).

(b) A new subsection (b) is added to read as follows:

“(b) Beginning in calendar year 2024 and every 10 years thereafter, the Mayor shall commence a comprehensive review of District of Columbia Public Schools student assignment policies, including:

“(1) Attendance zone boundaries; and

“(2) School feeder patterns.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

33 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
34 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
35 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02 (c)(3)).

36 Sec. 4. Effective date.

37 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
38 Mayor, action by Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
39 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
40 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
41 Columbia Register.