

A RESOLUTION

23-523

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 22, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia to limit the District’s cooperation with federal immigration agencies, including by complying with detainer requests, absent a judicial warrant or order.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sanctuary Values Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On October 8, 2019, the Council passed the Sanctuary Values Emergency Amendment Act of 2019, effective October 23, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-131; 66 DCR 14298), which expired on January 21, 2020.

(b) On October 22, 2019, the Council passed the Sanctuary Values Temporary Amendment Act of 2019, effective February 27, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-56; 67 DCR 2475) (“temporary act”). The temporary act will expire on October 9, 2020.

(c) The temporary act limits the District’s cooperation with federal immigration agencies, including by complying with detainer requests, absent a judicial warrant or order. This second round of emergency and temporary legislation will maintain and expand upon the provisions of the temporary act while the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety advances the permanent legislation this fall. The Committee has scheduled a public hearing on the permanent legislation for October 1, 2020.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Sanctuary Values Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.