

A RESOLUTION

23-614

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 1, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2020 to extend the report submission and sunset dates of the Police Reform Commission; and to amend the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 to make conforming amendments.

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

Sec. 2. (a) On July 7, 2020, the Council passed the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Second Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective July 22, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-336; 67 DCR 9148) (“emergency act”). Section 122 of the emergency act created a Police Reform Commission (“Commission”) to examine policing practices in the District and provide evidence-based recommendations for reforming and revising policing in the District. The emergency act provided that the Commission shall submit its recommendations in a report to the Mayor and Council by December 31, 2020, and shall sunset upon the delivery of its report or on December 31, 2020, whichever is later. The emergency act expired on October 19, 2020.

(b) On July 21, 2020, the Council passed the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on August 12, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-399; 67 DCR 9920) (“temporary act”), which is pending congressional review and projected to become law on December 7, 2020.

(c) On September 22, 2020, the Council passed the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective October 28, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-437; 67 DCR 12993) (“congressional review emergency act”). The congressional review emergency act was passed to avoid a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act. The congressional review emergency act is set to expire on January 25, 2021.

(d) Since the passage of the emergency act, the Commission’s membership has been appointed, the Commission and its committees have met numerous times, and the Council has

procured a contractor to support the Commission's activities and the development of its required report.

(e) This emergency legislation, which extends, in coordination with the Commission's Co-Chairs, the report submission deadline and the Commission's sunset date to April 30, 2021, is necessary to enable the Commission to complete its work.

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 Police Reform Commission Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.