

A RESOLUTION

24-646

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 18, 2022

To declare an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Department of General Services Establishment Act of 2011 to exempt data that is security-sensitive from public dashboard disclosure requirements.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Protecting Security-Sensitive Dashboard Data Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”

Sec. 2. (a) The Department of General Services (“DGS”) is responsible for the upkeep of District government facilities, including public schools, parks, and recreation centers.

(b) DGS relies on a centralized digital work order ticket system to receive maintenance and repair requests from client agency personnel and to document its responses to such requests.

(c) The Council passed and funded the Government Space Maintenance and Repair Transparency (GovSMaRT) Dashboard Amendment Act of 2022, effective September 21, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-167; D.C. Official Code § 10-551.07e) (“GovSMaRT”), to improve public transparency in school and recreation facility work orders.

(d) As of October 1, 2022, GovSMaRT requires DGS to post various details regarding all open District of Columbia Public School campus facility maintenance work orders.

(e) As of October 1, 2023, GovSMaRT will similarly require DGS to post details regarding all open Department of Parks and Recreation facility maintenance work orders.

(f) After passage of the law, DGS leadership and Councilmembers agreed on the importance of avoiding the public disclosure of security-sensitive information in the context of work order updates.

(g) Legislation is needed to harmonize the dashboard law with security best practices and to clarify the permissible scope of information withholding.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute an emergency making it necessary that the Protecting Security-Sensitive Dashboard Data Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.