

A RESOLUTION

25-266

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2023

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend Chapter 3 of Title 13 of the District of Columbia Official Code, to include appointments of a vulnerable youth guardian under legal actions that may have published notice in substitution of personal service of process, and to amend Chapter 23 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Official Code to authorize the Family Division of the Superior Court to appoint, modify, and terminate a new class of legal guardianship for vulnerable youth.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Vulnerable Youth Guardianship Protection Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) On July 11, 2023, the Council passed the Vulnerable Youth Guardianship Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, effective July 27, 2023 (D.C. Act 25-203; 70 DCR 10758) (“emergency act”), which expires on October 25, 2023.

(b) On September 19, 2023, the Vulnerable Youth Guardianship Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, passed on 2nd reading on September 19, 2023 (Enrolled version of Bill 25-386) (“temporary act”), which does not yet have a projected law date.

(c) This emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Vulnerable Youth Guardianship Protection Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.