



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

HEARINGS UPDATE

UPDATED FOR WEEK BEGINNING
May 22, 2017

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UPCOMING COUNCIL HEARINGS

5/24/2017
12 Noon
Room 412

Committee on Human Services and Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization

The Interagency Council on Homelessness Youth Strategic Plan: Comprehensive Plan to End Youth Homelessness

In response to the End Youth Homelessness Act of 2014, the ICH has led the development of the Comprehensive Plan to End Youth Homelessness (CPEYH). The CPEYH is the District's first ever strategic plan focused on unaccompanied minors and Transition Age Youth between ages 18 and 24. The plan was unanimously approved by the members of the ICH this past winter, and is scheduled for a public release in May. The purpose of this roundtable is to discuss the issue of youth homelessness in DC, including what the ICH learned during the plan development process, as well as strategies the District must implement in the coming years to ensure the community is positioned to address the housing needs of vulnerable youth and support their successful transition to adulthood.

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness

Department of Human Services for awareness

Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services for awareness

5/30/2017
10 am
Chamber

Committee of the Whole

Additional COW and Additional Legislative Meeting

Committee of the Whole and Council consideration of the "Fiscal Year 2018 Local Budget Act of 2017", "Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Portion Budget Request Act of 2017" and the "Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Support Act of 2017"

6/1/2017
9:30 am
Room 412

Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Revision of Guardianship of Minors and Creation of Supplemental Needs Trusts Act of 2017, Bill 22-12

This bill establishes how a person may receive, take possession of or exercise control over any property belonging to or due to a minor child. It establishes protections regarding the property of minor children. Among other things, it establishes requirements for establishing a Minor's Trust Account. *Introduced by CM Evans*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies
Office of the Attorney General

6/1/2017
9:30 am
Room 412

Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Consumer Disclosure Act of 2017, Bill 22-20

This bill establishes protections for the transfer of structured settlement payment rights. It establishes disclosure requirements for all interested parties involved in direct or indirect transfers of structure settlement payment rights. It also requires that the transfer be approved in advance of a final order of the court or administrative authority. *Introduced by CM's Cheh, Grosso, and Bonds*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies
Office of the Attorney General

Uniform Power of Attorney Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-49

This bill establishes provisions to clarify and establish what constitutes a valid execution of a power of attorney and clarifies the meaning and effect of a power of attorney. Provisions also address termination of a power of attorney and termination of an agent's authority. *Introduced by Chairman Mendelson and CM's Allen and McDuffie*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies
Uniform Law Commission

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel for awareness

Electronic Signature Authorization Act of 2017, Bill 22-169

This bill establishes that a video recording or other electronic record may be admissible as evidence of the following: the proper execution of a will (domestic or international), the intentions and mental capacity of a testator, the authenticity of a will, or matters that are determined by a court to be relevant to the probate of a will. It also provides a method of authentication for electronic signatures. *Introduced by CM Bonds*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies
Uniform Law Commission

Office of the Secretary/Notary and Authentication for awareness

Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act of 2017, Bill 22-198

This bill establishes how a court-ordered sale of an heir's property or a division of heirs' property into physically distinct and separate titled parcels may occur. It establishes notice requirements, how the fair market value shall be determined, and a right of first refusal for the other co-tenants among other things. *Introduced by CM's Allen, Grosso, Bonds, and Evans*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies
Uniform Law Commission

Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act of 2017, Bill 22-199

This bill identifies an electronic record in which an individual has a right or interest as a digital asset. It establishes procedures for disclosing digital assets to fiduciaries and designated recipients. It establishes procedures for disclosure of contents of electronic communications and other digital assets of a deceased user. It also establishes procedures regarding disclosure of contents of electronic communications and other digital assets held in trust or to a conservator. It requires that the legal duties imposed on a fiduciary charged with managing tangible property apply to the management of digital assets. *Introduced by CM's Allen, Grosso, Bonds, Evans, and Nadeau*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Uniform Law Commission

6/8/2017
9:30 am
Room 120

New

Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

A Review of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department's Contract with American Medical Response; The Final Report of the Integrated HealthCare Collaborative and Affordable Emergency Transportation and Pre-Hospital Medical Services Amendment Act of 2017

This bill requires insurers to pay a Council approved reimbursement rate to FEMS and its contracting providers so that FEMS and its contractors will not need to require that the balance of the bill be paid by the insureds. It also creates a revenue fund to support reforms designed to improve emergency services. *Introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department

6/13/2017
10 am
Chamber

Committee of the Whole

Legislative Meeting

Council 2nd consideration of the "Fiscal Year 2018 Local Budget Act of 2017" and the "Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Portion Budget Request Act of 2017"

6/15/2017
10 am
Room 412

Committee on Human Services

Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Civil Rights Restoration Act of 2017, Bill 22-154

This bill removes the requirement that persons with intellectual disabilities who are supported by the Department of Disability Services (DDS) be civilly committed in order to receive residential services. It repeals and amends existing law to bar new civil commitments of persons with intellectual disabilities. Persons who are already civilly committed will also have their commitments terminated unless that person or his or her decision maker provides informed consent to the commitment at annual hearings. The bill also requires DDS to work with DC Superior Court to end civil commitments and creates a legal framework to facilitate the supported decision making that will replace civil commitments. Persons found incompetent to stand trial in a criminal case will continue to be civilly committed. *Introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Department on Disability Services

6/15/2017
11 am
Room 120

Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

Sexual Abuse Statute of Limitations Elimination Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-21

This bill eliminates the criminal statute of limitations for first, second, third, and fourth degree sexual abuse. It also eliminates the criminal statute of limitations for first and second degree sexual abuse of a child, minor, secondary education student, ward, patient or client. The statute of limitations is also eliminated for the following criminal acts: enticing a child, arranging for a sexual contact with a child, sexual performance using minors, trafficking in commercial sex acts, sex trafficking of children, incest, abducting a child from his or her home for purposes of prostitution, inducing or compelling an individual to engage in prostitution, and causing a spouse or domestic partner to live in prostitution. *Introduced by CM's Cheh, Todd, Grosso, Nadeau, and R. White*

Childhood Protection Against Sexual Abuse Amendment Act of 2017, bill 22-28

This bill eliminates the civil statute of limitations for recovery of damages arising out of child sex abuse claims. It also provides a two year period for people with previously barred child sex abuse claims due to statute of limitations to bring those claims. *Introduced by CN's Grosso, R. White, Cheh, and Todd*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

6/20/2017
10 am
Chamber

Committee of the Whole

Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting

6/22/2017
10:30 am
Room 412

Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-222

This bill expands the right of sexual assault victims to a sexual assault victim advocate and establishes what communications are confidential. It also clarifies the duties of the Sexual Assault Response Team. It also clarifies the rights of victims when being provided with emergency care and creates a new prohibition on the removal of a person's clothing without consent. It also requires that prosecutors provide a reason to a victim on their decision not to prosecute and clarifies the right of a victim to compensation under existing insurance policies. *Introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants

Metropolitan Police Department for awareness

Department of Forensic Science for awareness

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice for awareness

Child Neglect and Sex Trafficking Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-255

This bill broaden the definition of a neglected child to include a victim of sex trafficking or severe forms of sex trafficking; and to amend section 16-2301 of the District of Columbia Official Code to include sex trafficking or severe forms of sex trafficking as a form of sexual abuse. *Introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Child and Family Services Agency

Metropolitan Police Department for awareness

Department of Forensic Science for awareness

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice for awareness

Victim Services Omnibus Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-266

This bill establishes an Address Confidentiality Program administered by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, to establish a Justice Grant and a Violence Fatality Review Board, to establish a maximum amount for reimbursement for funeral and burial expenses for victims of violent crime, and adds a member to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. *Introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for awareness

Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments for awareness

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice for awareness

Metropolitan Police Department for awareness

6/27/2017
10 am
Chamber

Committee of the Whole
Legislative Meeting

6/29/2017
9:30 am
Chamber

Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

Fair Elections Act of 2017, Bill 22-192

This bill provides for publicly funded political campaigns. It establishes a Fair Elections Program within the Office of Campaign Finance. It requires that the Office establish procedures for auditing and verification of qualified contributions. Among other things, it is requires an evaluation of the effect of this act on election campaigns in the District and submit a report to the Mayor and Council at a minimum of two months after the act is implemented and after every election excluding special elections. It also requires that the Office of Campaign Finance, with approval from the District of Columbia Board of Elections, must adjust the number and amount of qualifying small-dollar contributions a candidate must receive to qualify as a participating candidate. *Introduced by CM's Grosso, Cheh, Silverman, Allen, R. White, Nadeau, McDuffie, T. White, and Chairman Mendelson*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Office of Campaign Finance

Board of Elections for awareness

District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability for awareness

7/10/2017
9:30 am
Chamber

Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

Campaign Finance Transparency and Accountability Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-8

This bill precludes candidates, elected officials, affiliated committees, and their agents from encouraging donations to an independent expenditure committee or a PAC. It also requires PACs and independent expenditure committees to certify that they have not received any donations that are coordinated with any candidate, official, political committee, or political party. Among other things, it requires that any expenditure coordinated with a candidate, campaign, or agent be treated as a contribution and it also applies restrictions on contributions to PACs on non-election years. *Introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Attorney General*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Office of the Attorney General

Office of Campaign Finance

District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability for awareness

Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments for awareness

Clean Elections Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-32

This bill Identifies under which circumstances an expenditure made by a person controlled by or coordinated with a candidate, officeholder or political committee is considered a contribution to that candidate, officeholder or political committee.

Introduced by CM's Silverman, Allen, Grosso, Cheh, and Nadeau

Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-51

This bill establishes restrictions on the practice of bundled contributions. It establishes disclosure requirements for certain contractors, their agents and relatives; prohibits contractual agreements with certain contractors that seek or hold contracts with a cumulative value of \$250,000 or more who have solicited or made a political contribution to certain prohibited recipients within certain time frames identified in the legislation. Among other things, it establishes disclosure requirements and also gives covered contractors an opportunity to cure violations prior to the commencement of an enforcement action. *Introduced by CM's Gray and T. White*

Campaign Finance Reform Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-107

This bill requires campaign committees and candidates to obtain consent prior to using an individual's likeness, who is not a candidate for office, in campaign literature, advertisements, websites, or social media. It also requires campaign committees to retire all debts within 6 months after an election. *Introduced by CM's Allen, Grosso, and Bonds*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Office of Campaign Finance

District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability for awareness

7/11/2017
9:30 am
Chamber

Committee of the Whole

Committee of the Whole and Legislative Meeting following

7/12/2017
9:30 am
Room 412

Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

Access to Justice for Immigrants Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-80

This bill requires the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice to establish an Access to Justice Initiative Program to provide support to nonprofit organizations that deliver civil legal services to low income and underserved District residents as well as support to those that deliver civil immigration legal services to the District's documented and undocumented immigrant residents. It also provides loan repayment assistance to lawyers working in eligible employment. *Introduced by CM's Nadeau, R. White, and Grosso*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs for awareness

Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services for awareness

Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

Street Harassment Prevention Act of 2017, Bill 22-129

This bill establishes an Advisory Committee on Street Harassment (ACSH) composed of 15 members including 7 community representatives. Within 6 months of the effective date of this act, the Office on Human Rights with the advice of ACSH, shall develop and publish online written guidelines and procedures to educate District employees on street harassment. It also requires that District agencies ensure that all employees who interface with the public shall be trained on identifying and addressing street harassment. *Introduced by CM's Grosso, Silverman, R. White, T. White, Evans, and Allen*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Office of Human Rights

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice for awareness

Metropolitan Police Department for awareness

Alcoholic Beverage Regulations Administration for awareness

Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments for awareness