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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 10-227

"Parental Responsibility Amendment Act of 1994".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P.L. 93-198 "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 10-634 on first and second readings, November 1, 1994 and December 6, 1994, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on December 27, 1994, this legislation was assigned Act No. 10-368, and published in the January 6, 1995, edition of the D.C. Register (Vol. 42 page 4) and transmitted to Congress on January 31, 1995, for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 10-227, effective March 16, 1995.



DAVID A. CLARKE
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

Jan.	31
Feb.	1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10,13,14,15,16,21,22,23,24,27,28
Mar.	1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10,13,14,15

AN ACT

Codification

D.C. ACT 10-368

District of Columbia Code

(1995 Supplement)

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DECEMBER 27, 1994

To amend the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977 and Title 16 of the District of Columbia Code to provide the courts with explicit discretionary authority to order parenting classes and family counseling as deemed necessary in aid of its jurisdiction over children involved in neglect, delinquency, and person in need of supervision proceedings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Parental Responsibility Amendment Act of 1994".

Sec. 2. The Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective September 23, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-22; D.C. Code § 6-2101 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 109(b)(3) (D.C. Code § 6-2107(b)(3)) is amended by inserting at the end the phrase ", including but not limited to parenting classes and family counseling".

Section 6-2107

(b) Section 301(a)(4) (D.C. Code § 6-2121(a)(4)) is amended by inserting the phrase "parenting classes or family counseling and other" before the phrase "services on behalf".

Section 6-2121

(c) Section 304(a)(8) (D.C. Code § 6-2124(a)(8)) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase "including but not limited to parenting classes and family counseling." in its place.

Section 6-2124

Sec. 3. Title 16 of the District of Columbia Code is amended as follows:

(a) Section 16-2301 is amended by adding 2 new paragraphs to read as follows:

Section 16-2301

"(26) The term "parenting classes" means any program which enhances the parenting skills of individuals through providing role models, discussion, training in early childhood development and child psychology, or other instruction designed to strengthen the parent, guardian, or custodian's ability to nurture children.

"(27) The term "family counseling" means any psychological or psychiatric or other social service offered by a provider to the parent and 1 or more members of the extended family or the child's guardian or other caretaker of a child who has been adjudicated neglected, delinquent, or in need of supervision. A caretaker is an adult person

in whose care a minor has been entrusted by written authorization of the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian."

(b) Section 16-2307(e) is amended as follows:

Section
16-2307

(1) By striking the word "and" at the end of paragraph (4);

(2) By striking the period at the end of paragraph (5) and inserting the phrase "; and" in its place; and

(3) By adding a new paragraph (6) to read as follows:

"(6) The potential rehabilitative effect on the child of providing parenting classes or family counseling for one or more members of the child's family or for the child's caregiver or guardian."

(c) Section 16-2319(c)(1)(B) is amended by striking the semicolon and inserting at the end the phrase ", including but not limited to parenting classes and family counseling if the Division orders either service." in its place.

Section
16-2319

(d) Section 16-2320 is amended as follows:

Section
16-2320

(1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

(A) The lead-in language is amended to read as follows:

"(a) If a child is found to be neglected, the Division exercising juvenile jurisdiction shall also have jurisdiction over any natural person who is a parent or caretaker of the child to secure the parent or caretaker's full cooperation and assistance in the entire rehabilitative process and may order any of the following dispositions which will be in the best interest of the child:"

(B) Paragraph (1) is amended to read as follows:

"(1) Permit the child to remain with his or her parent, guardian, or other custodian, subject to such conditions and limitations as the Division may prescribe, including, but not limited to, the following services for the child and his or her parent, guardian, or other custodian:

"(A) medical, psychiatric, or other treatment at an appropriate facility under protective supervision;

"(B) parenting classes; and

"(C) family counseling."

(2) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:


(A) The lead-in language is amended to read as follows:

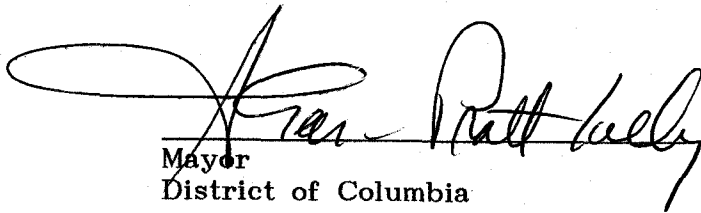
"(c) If a child is found to be delinquent or in need of supervision, the Division exercising juvenile jurisdiction shall also have jurisdiction over any natural person who is a parent or caretaker of the child to secure the parent or caretaker's full cooperation and assistance in the entire rehabilitative process and may order any of the following dispositions which will be in the best interest of the child:"

(B) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase ", including but not limited to the completion of parenting classes or family counseling in cases where either or both was ordered by the Division." in its place.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override of the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-223(c)(1)), and publication in either the District of Columbia Register, the District

of Columbia Statutes-at-Large, or the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.


Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia


Mayor
District of Columbia

APPROVED: December 27, 1994



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Council Period Ten

RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE

DOCKET NO: B10-634

[X] Item on Consent Calendar

[X] ACTION & DATE: Adopted First Reading, 11-1-94

[X] VOICE VOTE: Approved

Recorded vote on request

Absent: Barry

[] ROLL CALL VOTE - RESULT

Table with 16 columns: COUNCIL MEMBER, AYE, NAY, N.V., A.B. and 4 rows of member names: CHMN. CLARKE, BARRY, BRAZIL, CHAVOUS, CROPP, EVANS, JARVIS, LIGHTFOOT, MASON, NATHANSON, RAY, SMITH, JR., THOMAS, SR.

X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V. - Present, not voting

CERTIFICATION RECORD

[Signature] Secretary to the Council

[Signature] December 9, 1994 Date

[X] Item on Consent Calendar

[X] ACTION & DATE: Adopted Final Reading, 12-6-94

[X] VOICE VOTE: Approved

Recorded vote on request

Absent: Barry

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