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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend An Act To fix and regulate the salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the board of education of the District of Columbia to require that the Chancellor of District of Columbia Public Schools make an estimate of the amount of money that will be required to operate the public schools in the upcoming year available on its website and in each school no later than 21 days prior to the Mayor’s submission of the District’s budget and financial plan to the Council; to amend the District of Columbia Public School Support Initiative of 1986 to require the Chancellor to solicit public input prior to the submission of the District of Columbia Public Schools budget to the Mayor, and to require the Mayor to conduct a public hearing on public school funding at least 15 days prior to the Mayor’s submission of the District’s budget and financial plan to the Council; and to amend the Board of Education Continuity and Transition Amendment Act of 2004 to amend obsolete references to the Board of Education to reference the Chancellor, and to delineate the allocations of monies required in the District of Columbia Public Schools budget submitted by the Chancellor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Public Schools Hearing Amendment Act of 2008”.

Sec. 2. Section 2(h) of An Act To fix and regulate the salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the board of education of the District of Columbia, approved June 20, 1906 (34 Stat. 316; D.C. Official Code § 38-103), is amended to read as follows:

**Amend
§ 38-103**

“No later than 21 days before the Mayor’s submission of the District’s budget and financial plan to the Council of the District of Columbia, the Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools (“DCPS”) shall annually make available on the DCPS website and at each school a detailed estimate of the amount of money required to operate the public schools for the ensuing year, including preliminary school-by-school budgets, in accordance with section 6 of the Board of Education Continuity and Transition Amendment Act of 2004, effective December 7, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-211; D.C. Official Code § 38-2831).”.

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Sec. 3. Section 3 of the District of Columbia Public School Support Initiative of 1986, effective February 17, 1988 (D.C. Law 7-68; D. C. Official Code § 38-917), is amended as follows:

**Amend
§ 38-917**

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

(1) Strike the phrase “Within a period of not more than 90 or less than 45 days prior to the annual submission by the Chancellor of a proposed budget” and insert the phrase “Beginning in fiscal year 2009, by no later than November 30, but prior to the annual submission by the Chancellor of a proposed operating budget” in its place.

(2) Strike the phrase “conduct a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting” and insert the phrase “solicit oral and written public input for the purpose of ascertaining” in its place.

(3) Strike the phrase “The budget proposed” and insert the phrase “The operating budget proposed” in its place.

(4) Strike the phrase “record of this hearing” and insert the phrase “record of this testimony” in its place.

(b) Paragraph (2) is amended as follows:

(1) Strike the phrase “Within a period of not more than 60 days or less than 30 days” and insert the phrase “At least 15 days” in its place.

(2) Strike the phrase “15 days public notice,” and insert the phrase “15 days public notice, and in accordance with section 2(h) of An Act To fix and regulate the salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the board of education of the District of Columbia, approved June 20, 1906 (34 Stat. 316; D.C. Official Code § 38-103),” in its place.

(3) Strike the phrase “sought for the public schools. In no event shall this hearing be prior to the annual submission by the Chancellor of its proposed budget to the Mayor.” and insert the phrase “sought for the operation of the public schools.” in its place.

Sec. 4. Section 6 of the Board of Education Continuity and Transition Amendment Act of 2004, effective December 7, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-211; D.C. Official Code § 38-2831), is amended as follows:

**Amend
§ 38-2831**

(a) Strike the first sentence.

(b) Strike the phrase “The Board shall prepare” and insert the phrase “The Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools (“Chancellor”) shall prepare” in its place.

(c) Strike the phrase “prepared by the Board” and insert the phrase “prepared by the Chancellor” in its place.

(d) Strike the phrase “submitted by the board” and insert the phrase “submitted by the Chancellor” in its place.

(e) Strike the phrase “activities and object class.” and insert the phrase “revenue source for programs, activity, and service levels, and by revenue source for comptroller source group by program and activity. The District of Columbia Public Schools submission shall include the number of full-time equivalents with job titles by program and revenue source.” in its place.

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Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 6. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia