

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend An Act To provide for voluntary apprenticeship in the District of Columbia and the Amendments to An Act to Provide for Voluntary Apprenticeship in the District of Columbia Act of 1978 to make technical and conforming amendments to allow the District of Columbia to continue to be recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor to operate as a State Apprenticeship Agency.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Apprenticeship Modernization Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2015”.

Sec. 2. (a) The District of Columbia is currently recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor as able to operate as a State Apprenticeship Agency pursuant to Title 29 CFR, part 29.13, and has been since 1946.

(b) Beginning in 2008, the U.S. Department of Labor began the process of updating the Federal rules governing apprenticeship programs, labor standards for registration, and amending its regulations.

(c) To conform to the new regulations, for Federal purposes, each State Apprenticeship Agency must update its existing apprenticeship statutes and regulations for continued recognition as an apprenticeship registration agency.

(d) The District of Columbia, through its Office of Apprenticeship, Information and Training within the Department of Employment Services, has worked closely with the U.S.

Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, to draft mutually agreeable changes to the District's apprenticeship statutes and regulations.

(e) The U.S. Department of Labor indicated by letter that once the drafted changes are enacted, the District will retain its more than 60 years of recognition as a State Apprenticeship Agency.

(f) In January, the Council enacted the Apprenticeship Modernization Emergency Amendment Act of 2015, effective January 13, 2015 (D.C. Act 20-579; 62 DCR 1258) ("emergency legislation"), and the Apprenticeship Modernization Temporary Amendment Act of 2015, signed by the Mayor on February 5, 2015 (D.C. Act 20-626; 62 DCR 2259) ("temporary legislation").

(g) The emergency legislation expires on April 13, 2015. The temporary legislation must complete the 30-day review period required by 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 shall not become law until after the emergency legislation has expired.

(h) It is important that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is in effect.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Apprenticeship Modernization Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2015 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.