

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

**REVISED**

**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT C. GRAY, CHAIRPERSON  
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**B22-0480, THE VULNERABLE POPULATION AND EMPLOYER PROTECTION  
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017**

**B22-0558, THE COMMUNITY HEALTH INVESTMENT AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017**

**B22-0666, THE WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN PROGRAM EXPANSION ACT  
OF 2018**

**B22-0687, THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES TASK FORCE ACT OF 2018**

**B22-0744, THE OPTOMETRY PRACTICE AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018**

**B22-0751, THE NEWBORN SCREENING AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018**

**B22-0758, THE BETTER ACCESS FOR BABIES TO INTEGRATED EQUITABLE  
SERVICES ACT OF 2018**

**B22-0766, THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION  
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018  
10 A.M., ROOM 500, JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announces a Public Hearing on Bill 22-0480, the "Vulnerable Population and Employer Protection Amendment Act of 2017", Bill 22-0558, the "Community Health Investment Amendment Act of 2017", Bill 22-0666, the "Women, Infants, and Children Program Expansion Act of 2018", Bill 22-0687, the "Adverse Childhood Experiences Task Force Act of 2018", Bill 22-0744, the "Optometry Practice Amendment Act of 2018", Bill 22-0751, the "Newborn Screening Amendment Act of 2018", Bill 22-0758, the "Better Access for Babies to Integrated Equitable Services Act of 2018", and Bill 22-0766, the "Substance Abuse and Opioid Overdose Prevention Amendment Act of 2018". The hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 10 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building. **This hearing notice is revised to reflect the removal of Bill 22-0688, and addition of Bill 22-0744, Bill 22-0751, Bill 22-0758, and Bill 22-0766 to the hearing agenda.**

Bill 22-0480, the “Vulnerable Population and Employer Protection Amendment Act of 2017”, authorizes a health occupations board to discipline a health professional who has financially exploited a patient, client or employer and provides for the summary suspension or restriction of the license, registration, or certification of a professional who financially exploits another without a hearing.

Bill 22-0558, the “Community Health Investment Amendment Act of 2017”, requires health care facilities to add community benefits - health improvement services and benefits that are provided without charge - as a prerequisite to obtaining or maintaining a certificate of need. The community benefits must be made specifically available to District residents.

Bill 22-0666, the “Women, Infants, and Children Program Expansion Act of 2018”, prohibits the Mayor from placing restrictions on the square footage, number of cashiers, or organic products for vendors of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) beyond what is required by federal law. Among other things it requires the Department of Health to convene a WIC Outreach Advisory Board to provide guidance on how to increase WIC participation.

Bill 22-0687, the “Adverse Childhood Experiences Task Force Act of 2018”, would establish an Adverse Childhood Experiences Health Task Force to identify evidence-based solutions to reduce children's exposure to adverse childhood experiences, recommend ways to address the impacts of those experiences, recommend investments in preventative health care and mental health and wellness interventions, make recommendations regarding specified matters pertaining to adverse childhood experiences, and report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and the Council.

Bill 22-0744, the “Optometry Practice Amendment Act of 2018”, permits optometrists to prescribe certain analgesics included in Schedule II through V controlled substances for the treatment of diseases of the human eye and its adjacent structures. Optometrists are no longer required to consult with a medical provider prior to treating glaucoma.

Bill 22-0751, the “Newborn Screening Amendment Act of 2018”, requires that adrenoleukodystrophy, the brain disorder causing the progressive loss of myelin, be added to the list of disorders for which neonatal testing must be made available.

Bill 22-0758, the “Better Access for Babies to Integrated Equitable Services Act of 2018”, establishes a two-year pilot program to reduce preterm births. It establishes a comprehensive newborn screening program, establishes discharge standards and authorizes penalties for failure to comply with the standards or to perform the necessary screens. It also authorizes the Department of Health to collect data and replaces the Committee on Metabolic Disorders with the Perinatal and Infant Health Advisory Committee. Lastly, it authorizes the Mayor to conduct a breastfeeding facilities survey of government offices and building and report annually.

Bill 22-0766, the “Substance Abuse and Opioid Overdose Prevention Amendment Act of 2018”, places oversight and approval of the training programs for pharmacists under the Board of Pharmacy. It limits the legal liability of a licensed physician or pharmacist who does not prescribe, dispense, or distribute an opioid antagonist in their professional judgment.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Malcolm Cameron, Committee Legislative Analyst at (202) 654-6179 or [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us), and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization, preferably by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2018.

Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. The Committee allows individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us) or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 113, Washington D.C. 20004.