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CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
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ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

on

Bill 22-75, Language Access for Education Amendment Act of 2017

on

**Monday, April 24, 2017
11:00 a.m., Hearing Room 120, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on Bill 22-75, the "Language Access for Education Amendment Act of 2017." The hearing will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 24, 2017 in Hearing Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-75 is to apply government language access requirements to the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, the Secretary to the Council, and other entities; require all public schools, including charter schools, to provide essential translation services; require additional coordination and duties of language access coordinators; clarify appeals procedures and monetary penalties for violations of the Lanaguage Access Act of 2004. This legislation was originally introduced in Council Period 21 and the Committee of the Whole, the Committee on Education, and the Committee on Judiciary held a joint public hearing where members of the public were invited to testify on the proposed legislation. Subsequently, the Committee on Education and the Committee on the Judiciary marked up the bill. Bill 22-75 represents the marked up version of the bill by the Committee on the Judiciary.

The purpose of this hearing to receive testimony from select expert and advocate witnesses on issues related to the proposed legislation. Thus, this hearing will be limited to those invited to testify. While this hearing is limited to oral testimony from invited witnesses, written statements from the public will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017.