

**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**

**BILL 23-0322, THE “WINDOW BLIND SAFETY NOTIFICATION ACT OF 2019”**

**BILL 23-0325, THE “DEMENTIA TRAINING FOR DIRECT CARE WORKERS ACT OF  
2019”**

**BILL 23-0341, THE “PERINATAL HEALTH WORKER TRAINING ACCESS ACT OF 2019”**

**BILL 23-0362, THE “MATERNAL HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION  
ACT OF 2019”**

**BILL 23-0416, THE “BETTER ACCESS FOR BABIES FOR INTEGRATED EQUITABLE  
SERVICES ACT OF 2019”**

**BILL 23-0507, THE “POISON CONTROL CENTER DESIGNATION ACT OF 2019”**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019  
11:00 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 23-0322, the “Window Blind Safety Notification Act of 2019”, Bill 23-0325, the “Dementia Training for Direct Care Workers Act of 2019”, Bill 23-0341, the “Perinatal Health Worker Training Access Act of 2019”, Bill 23-0362, the “Maternal Health Care Improvement and Expansion Act of 2019”, Bill 23-0416, the “Better Access for Babies for Integrated Equitable Services Act of 2019”, and Bill 23-0507, the “Poison Control Center Designation Act of 2019.” The hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building. **This notice has been revised to reflect the addition of Bill 23-0325, Bill 23-0416, Bill 23-0507 to the hearing agenda.**

Bill 23-0322, the “Window Blind Safety Notification Act of 2019”, requires hospitals, health care facilities and birth centers to provide notice regarding the danger window blinds pose to children.

Bill 23-0325, “Dementia Training for Direct Care Workers Act of 2019”, requires dementia training for direct care workers, which includes staff whose work involves extensive contact with

residents or program participants of residential facilities or home-and community-based programs that provide supportive services.

Bill 23-0341, the “Perinatal Health Worker Training Access Act of 2019”, requires the Department of Health to distribute grant funds to promote a perinatal health worker training program for residents in Wards 5, 7, and 8 in the health field.

Bill 23-0362, the “Maternal Health Care Improvement and Expansion Act of 2019”, requires individual or group health plans and health insurance coverage through Medicaid or the D.C. Healthcare Alliance program to cover at least two postpartum healthcare visits, home visits, fertility preservation services, and transportation stipends for travel to and from prenatal and postpartum visits. It also requires Medicaid to provide coverage for pregnant District residents that meet income eligibility requirements for one year postpartum. Among other things, it establishes a Center on Maternal Health and Wellness.

Bill 23-0416, the “Better Access for Babies for Integrated Equitable Services Act of 2019”, adds provisions to the Comprehensive Newborn Screening Program to establish discharge standards and authorizes penalties for failure to comply with the standards or perform the necessary screens. It would also authorize the Department of Health to collect information from hospitals and birthing facilities to create a report card regarding compliance with newborn screening requirements, lactation support services, parent education, discharge standards, and clinical quality measures. It also creates a Perinatal and Infant Health Advisory Committee that would advise on ways to reduce preterm birth and newborn screening activities.

Bill 23-0507, the “Poison Control Center Designation Act of 2019”, designates the National Capital Poison Center, located at 3201 New Mexico Avenue NW, Suite #310 Washington, DC 20016 as the District's poison control center.

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, December 16, 2019. 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.