

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
&
COUNCILMEMBER DAVID GROSSO
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ANNOUNCE A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 23-441, the “Reading Equity Acceleration Declaration Act of 2019”

on

**Monday, March 30, 2020
10:30 a.m., Hearing Room 412, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Chairman Phil Mendelson and Councilmember David Grosso announce the scheduling of a joint public hearing of the Committee of the Whole and the Committee on Education on Bill 23-441, the “Reading Equity Acceleration Declaration Act of 2019.” The hearing will be held on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-441 is to require Local Education Agencies (“LEA”) to submit to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (“OSSE”), for its approval, plans to administer an annual academic assessment for all students in kindergarten, first, second, and third grades to determine adequate progress in reading and comprehension. The bill also would establish accelerated reading intervention programs and reading development plans for students reading below grade level and would require LEAs to inform parents and guardians of a student’s reading deficiency.

Those who wish to testify may sign-up online at cow@dccouncil.us or call the Committee of the Whole at (202) 724-8196 and provide your name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by 5:00pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. Witnesses appearing on his or her own behalf should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council’s office or on <http://lims.dccouncil.us>. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed 24 hours in advance of the hearing at <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation>.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements should be submitted by email to LeKisha Jordan at ljordan@dccouncil.us, or by post to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Monday April 13, 2020.

For reasonable accommodation requests, please inform the Committee of the Whole of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the hearing. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.