

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
MEMORANDUM

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Charles Allen *CA*
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the February 2, 2021 Legislative Meeting
DATE: January 28, 2021

I am requesting that you agendize the following measures for the February 2, 2021 Legislative Meeting:

Emergency Contract Legislation at the Request of the Attorney General

- “Contract No. DCCB-2021-C-0001 with Systems & Methods, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”
- “Contract No. DCCB-2021-C-0001 with System & Methods, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2021”

This emergency legislation would allow the Office of the Attorney General to enter into [Contract No. DCCB-2021-C-0001](#) with Systems & Methods, Inc. to operate the District’s State Disbursement Unit for the collection, processing, and distribution of child support payments. The proposed multiyear contract is in a not-to-exceed amount of \$8,547,750 for a base period of 5 years, with a 2-year option period of \$3,419,100. Approval is necessary on an emergency basis to allow the District to receive the benefit of this vital service in a timely manner.

These measures have been timely filed by the Office of the Attorney General, and copies are attached. Please contact Kate Mitchell, Committee Director, at kmitchell@dccouncil.us, with any questions.

Congressional Review Emergency Legislation

- “Police Reform Commission Extension Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”
- “Police Reform Commission Extension Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”

On December 1, 2020, the Council passed the Police Reform Commission Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective December 26, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-556; 68 DCR 226) (“emergency act”). The emergency act extended the report submission and sunset dates of the Police Reform Commission to April 30, 2021, and the emergency act is set to expire on March 25, 2021. On December 15, 2020, the Council passed the Police Reform Commission Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on January 14, 2021 (D.C. Act 23-610; 68 DCR 1240) (“temporary act”), which is pending congressional transmittal. This congressional review emergency legislation is now necessary to avoid a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act.

Draft copies of these measures are attached. Please contact Kate Mitchell, Committee Director, at kmitchell@dccouncil.us, with any questions.

Emergency Legislation

- “Omnibus Public Safety and Justice Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”
- “Omnibus Public Safety and Justice Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”

On March 17, 2020, the Council passed the Ghost Guns Prohibition Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, effective July 30, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-125; 67 DCR 9347) (“ghost guns temporary act”), which expires on March 11, 2021. On April 21, 2020, the Council passed the Firearms Safety Omnibus Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, effective August 6, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-123; 67 DCR 11309) (“firearms safety temporary act”), which expires on March 18, 2021. On December 15, 2020, the Council passed the Omnibus Public Safety and Justice Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on January 13, 2021 (D.C. Act 23-568; 68 DCR 1034) (“permanent act”), which is pending congressional transmittal. The permanent act includes, among its many provisions, the final language of the ghost guns temporary act and the firearms safety temporary act.

This emergency legislation is now necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the ghost guns temporary act and the firearms safety temporary act and the effective date of the permanent act. It mirrors the language of both temporary acts, as the Council amended them in the permanent act, but does not include the other provisions of the permanent act.

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cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary
Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director
Mayor’s Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs