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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 to add an admissions preference for the child of a student already attending or selected for admission to a public charter school in which the child is seeking enrollment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Child Enrollment Preference Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. (a) On November 10, 2020, the Council approved D.C. Act 23-519, the “Child Enrollment Preference Emergency Amendment Act of 2020,” which expires on March 6, 2021.

(b) Additionally, on November 10, 2020, the Council approved D.C. Act 23-511, the “Expanding Equitable Access of Great Schools Act of 2020,” on second reading. This legislation, among other things, creates a permanent admissions preference for the child of a student already attending or selected for admission to a public charter school in which the child is seeking enrollment. Yet, D.C. Act 23-511 is still undergoing congressional review and is not projected to become law until March 15, 2021.

33 (c) This emergency, which is identical to D.C. Act 23-519 and which has an applicability
34 date of March 6, 2021, is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the
35 emergency act and the effective date of the permanent measure.

36 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that the circumstances enumerated
37 in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “Child Enrollment
38 Preference Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2021” be adopted after a
39 single reading.

40 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.