

**Council of the District of Columbia  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
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**COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**B24-0254, THE “SCHOOL POLICE INCIDENT OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY  
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2021”**

**B24-0306, THE “YOUTH RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2021”**

**AND**

**B24-0356, THE “STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF POLICE  
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2021”**

**Thursday, October 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Hearing via Zoom**

**To Watch Live:**

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On Thursday, October 21, 2021, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will convene a public hearing to consider Bill 24-0254, the “School Police Incident Oversight and Accountability Amendment Act of 2021”; Bill 24-0306, the “Youth Rights Amendment Act of 2021”; and Bill 24-0356, the “Strengthening Oversight and Accountability of Police Amendment Act of 2021”. The hearing will be conducted virtually via Zoom from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The stated purpose of B24-0254, the “School Police Incident Oversight and Accountability Amendment Act of 2021”, is to amend the Attendance Accountability Act of 2013 to require local education agencies to maintain additional data with respect to school-based disciplinary actions involving law enforcement, to amend the Revised Statutes of the District of Columbia to require the Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) to maintain records for school-involved arrests by race, gender, age, and disability, and to require MPD to biannually publicly report certain data from school-involved incidents.

The stated purpose of B24-0306, the “Youth Rights Amendment Act of 2021”, is to amend Section 16-2316 of the District of Columbia Code to make a statement made by a person under eighteen years of age to a law enforcement officer or any individual working at the direction of or as an agent of a law enforcement officer during a custodial interrogation inadmissible unless given a reasonable opportunity to confer with an attorney; and to amend Section 23-526 of the District of Columbia Code to prohibit consent searches if the subject of the search is under eighteen years of age.

The stated purpose of B24-0356, the “Strengthening Oversight and Accountability of Police Amendment Act of 2021”, is to amend the District of Columbia Auditor Subpoena and Oath Authority Act of 2004 to create the position of Deputy Auditor for Public Safety within the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, to establish minimum qualifications for the Deputy Auditor, and to prescribe the duties, responsibilities, and powers of the Deputy Auditor; to amend the Office of Citizen Complaint Review Establishment Act of 1998 to rename the Police Complaints Board the Police Accountability Commission, to change the membership of the Commission, to expand the authority of the Commission to review policies, procedures, and trainings, and to provide input on the job description and qualifications of a Chief of Police, to rename the Office of Police Complaints to the Office of Police Accountability, to expand the authority Office’s Executive Director to encompass complaints against special police, to receive anonymous complaints, and to continue administrative investigations of officers while the U.S. Attorney’s Office determines whether to pursue prosecution against an officer; to amend the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to provide stipends to members of the Police Accountability Commission; to amend the Freedom of Information Act of 1976 so disciplinary records of officers with MPD and the D.C. Housing Authority Police Department can no longer be withheld from the public; to require the Chief of Police to submit department policies, procedures, and updates to training to the Police Accountability Commission for comment; and to require MPD to create a publicly accessible database for disciplinary records of officers.

The Committee invites the public to provide oral and written testimony. Public witnesses seeking to provide oral testimony at the Committee’s hearing must thoroughly review the following instructions:

- Anyone wishing to provide oral testimony must email the Committee at [judiciary@dccouncil.us](mailto:judiciary@dccouncil.us) with their name, telephone number, and if testifying on behalf of an organization, organizational affiliation and title, by the **close of business on Friday, October 15, 2021.**
- The Committee will approve witnesses’ registrations based on the total time allotted for public testimony. The Committee will also determine the order of witnesses’ testimony.
- Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals (and any subsequent representatives of the same organizations) will be allowed a maximum of three minutes.
- Witnesses are not permitted to yield their time to, or substitute their testimony for, the testimony of another individual or organization.
- If possible, witnesses should submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to [judiciary@dccouncil.us](mailto:judiciary@dccouncil.us).

- Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation are requested to inform the Committee as soon as possible, but no later than five business days before the hearing. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests; however, requests received fewer than five business days before the hearing may not be fulfilled.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be emailed to the Committee at [judiciary@dccouncil.us](mailto:judiciary@dccouncil.us) **no later than the close of business on Friday, November 5, 2021.**