

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an temporary basis, the District of Columbia Nonresident Tuition Act to allow District of Columbia students enrolled at District of Columbia Public Schools or public charter schools who attend non-public schools or programs to continue their education for the remainder of the school year in which legal permanency is achieved and through the end of the following school year, without payment of nonresident tuition, if the child ceases to be in the care and custody of the District as a result of being placed in the permanent care and custody of a parent, guardian, or custodian who resides outside the District of Columbia..

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Non-Public Tuition Continuity Temporary Amendment Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2. Section 2(e) of the District of Columbia Nonresident Tuition Act, approved September 8, 1960 (74 Stat. 853; D.C. Official Code § 38-302(e)), is amended as follows:

(a) Strike the phrase “school, ceases” and insert the phrase “school, or while enrolled in a DCPS or public charter school and attending a non-public school or program pursuant to section 103 of the Placement of Students with Disabilities in Nonpublic Schools Amendment Act of 2006, effective March 14, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-269; D.C. Official Code § 38–2561.03) (“Placement Act”), ceases” in its place.

(b) Strike the phrase “currently attends.” and insert the phrase “currently attends, if the child attends a DCPS or public charter school, or the remainder of the school year in which the change in care and custody occurs and through the end of the following school year, if the child is currently enrolled in a DCPS or public charter school and attending a non-public school or program pursuant to section 103 of the Placement Act.” in its place.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.