

Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need for workers in high-need health care positions; to remove economic barrier to allow more eligible individuals to participate in a scholarship program to increase the number of health care workers in high-need positions to serve District residents.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the as the “High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Supports Program Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to address economic barriers for individuals interested in healthcare careers to help address the healthcare work force shortage for high-need healthcare positions and serve District residents.

(b) The Mayor’s Commission on Healthcare Systems Transformation composed of 27 key healthcare leaders across the District examined multiple challenges resulting in health inequities in the District. The Committee on Equitable Geographic Distribution of Acute, Urgent, and Specialty Care, specifically discussed the need for recruiting sub-specialty healthcare workers to serve medically under-resourced areas within the District.

36 (c) In order for the District to recruit more people to serve the health care needs for
37 certain high need health care positions, it is important to address the economic barriers for
38 education and training programs for these high need health care careers.

39 (d) A delay in providing this authorization could result in further delay of providing the
40 healthcare supports needed for District residents.

41 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
42 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the High
43 Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Supports Program Emergency Act of 2022 be adopted
44 after a single reading.

45 Sec 4. The resolution shall take effect immediately.