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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, all District of Columbia Public School system schools to report on the readiness of their facilities for in-person learning at the start of school year 2022-23 including the condition of their heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, the status of air filters, air quality monitors, and safety systems, including whether all interior and exterior doors lock securely, fire alarm systems, and security surveillance systems; and to require DC Health to report on public and public charter school school-level compliance with required routine pediatric immunizations as well as outreach efforts to improve compliance.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Back to School Safely Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022.”

Sec. 2. (a) On July 12, 2022, the Council passed the Back to School Safely Emergency Act of 2022, effective July 29, 2022 (D.C. Act 24-544; 69 DCR 9979) (“emergency act”). The emergency act is set to expire on October 25, 2022.

(b) On September 20, 2022, the Council passed the Back to School Safely Temporary Amendment Act of 2022, passed on 2nd reading (Enrolled version of Bill 24-921)

39 (“temporary bill”), which is pending mayoral review and will not take effect until after October  
40 25, 2022.

41 (c) Congressional review emergency legislation is now necessary to prevent a gap  
42 in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary  
43 bill.

44 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
45 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Back to  
46 School Safely Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a  
47 single reading.

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