


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Janeese Lewis George 
DATE: September 29, 2022
SUBJECT: Request to Agendize Measures for the October 4, 2022 Legislative Meeting

I request that the following draft measures be agendized for the October 4th Legislative Meeting:

- **Back to School Safely Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **Back to School Safely Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2022**

On July 12, 2022 the Council pass B24-920, the Back to School Safely Emergency Act of 2022, which required all DCPS schools to report on the readiness 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.

On September 20, 2022, the Council passed on second reading B24-921, the Back to School Safely Temporary Act of 2022, which is pending mayoral review and will not take effect until after October 25, 2022.

This congressional review emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary bill.

Copies of the draft measures are attached. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Joanna Blotner, Legislative Director, at jblotner@dccouncil.us or 202-288-8985.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
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