

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000 to establish a school support office within the Office of the State Superintendent of Education to focus academic improvement in the lowest performing schools.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “School Improvement Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) The purpose of the School Improvement Amendment Act is to elevate school support as an urgent priority for Washington, DC and establish clear roles, lines of authority, and responsibilities for the OSSE in improving outcomes at the District’s low-performing schools.

(b) This underlying measure will establish an Office of School Support at the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) and require OSSE to submit a report to Council on how the Office will identify and support schools in need of improvement. However, OSSE will need to staff the office immediately in order to begin report preparation.

(c) Emergency legislation is necessary to allow OSSE to move forward with hiring immediately to meet the September 30, 2024 deadline for report submission.

35 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in
36 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the School
37 Improvement Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

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

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