

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE and
CHAIRPERSON CHRISTINA HENDERSON
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ANNOUNCE A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 25-570, “Cardiac Planning and Response (“CPR”) Amendment Act of 2023”

and

Bill 25-571, “Seizure- Safe Schools Amendment Act of 2023”

on

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

**Hearing Room 500 (Track A)
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and Councilmember Christina Henderson announce a public hearing jointly held by the Committee of the Whole and Committee on Health on **Bill 25-570**, “Cardiac Planning and Response (“CPR”) Amendment Act of 2023,” and **Bill 25-571**, “Seizure-Safe Schools Amendment Act of 2023.” The hearing will be held at **2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024**.

The stated purpose of **Bill 25-570** is to require each school in the District to develop a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) to identify the appropriate school personnel to respond to a cardiac arrest or similar life-threatening emergency on school grounds and for each middle and high school to develop the same for athletic practices or events. The CERP must include who will respond in the case of an emergency, how they will respond, and how staff will be trained to that effect. The legislation also requires school officials to integrate best practices for engaging with local emergency services and AED placement into the plans. The stated purpose of **Bill 25-571** is to require each student diagnosed with a seizure disorder to have an individualized health plan, developed by their school, that details pertinent medical and personal information for their treatment and care. It also requires schools to have at least two employees trained to respond appropriately to seizures and to administer medication.

Those who wish to testify must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024**. **Testimony is limited to three minutes**. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding by emailing cow@dccouncil.gov. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. Witnesses will receive instructions on how to participate by Zoom prior to the hearing. If you have additional questions, please get in touch with Bijan Verlin, Legislative Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-4865 or bverlin@dccouncil.gov.

Public witnesses will participate in-person or virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Those who wish to submit testimony for the record may do so by using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> or by leaving a voicemail at (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. **The record will close at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, July 24, 2024**.