

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Homeless Services Reform Act to establish grounds for an extension to the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program (FRSP), whereby the Department or its designee will thoroughly consider the totality of the participant's circumstances, including their progress and eligibility for affordable housing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this Act may be cited as the “Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2024”.

Sec. 2. Section 7(b)(4)(B) of the Homeless Services Reform Act, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-753.01(b)(4)(B)), is amended as follows:

(a) The existing text is designated as sub-subparagraph (i).

(b) New sub-subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) are added to read as follows:

“(ii) The Department of Human Services, or the Department’s designee, shall consider requests for Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program (FRSP) assistance extending past 12 months if:

“(I) There is funding available within FRSP;

“(II) The participant has requested an extension in writing;

“(III) The participant has made a good faith effort towards the achievement of goals set forth in an individualized plan with the aim of a targeted

31 progression towards exit from the supports of FRSP, as observed by the Service Provider at  
32 consistent intervals, but cannot yet sustain housing stability independently of the program; and

33 “(IV) The participant has not yet been approved for  
34 permanently affordable housing.

35 “(iii) When making a determination of whether to grant a  
36 participant in FRSP an extension beyond 12 months, the Department or Department's designee  
37 shall:

38 “(I) Consider the totality of the circumstances; and

39 “(II) Grant extensions of time in increments not greater  
40 than 6 months, with regular formal reviews every 3 months to ensure that participants are given  
41 the support necessary to exit the program with stable housing.”

42 “(iv) If a requested extension of FRSP assistance by a participant is  
43 denied, the participant shall be given 30 days written notice prior to the final subsidy payment  
44 explicitly setting forth the reason for the denial of additional assistance and inform the  
45 participant that:

46 “(I) The FRSP participant has a right to appeal the  
47 determination through a fair hearing and administrative review, including deadlines for  
48 requesting an appeal; and

49 “(II) The FRSP participant has a right to continuation of  
50 FRSP services pending the outcome of any fair hearing requested within 15 days of receipt of  
51 written notice of a termination”.

52 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

53           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
54 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
55 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

56           Sec. 4. Effective date.

57           (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
58 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided  
59 in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat.  
60 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

61           (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.