

**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
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 25-826, Recidivism Reduction, Oversight, and Accountability for DYRS Act of 2024

on

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

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

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on **Bill 25-826**, the “Recidivism Reduction, Oversight, and Accountability for DYRS Act of 2024.” The hearing will be held at **2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024**.

The stated purpose of Bill 25-826 is to amend Title 16 of the District of Columbia Code to reform the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services’ supervision and intervention practices, including by requiring the Department to develop and complete an individualized rehabilitation plan for youth in custody prior to a dispositional hearing, requiring the Department to provide services to those in secure placement within 30 days of entry, and requiring the Department to develop a discharge and reentry plan upon a youth’s admittance into placement outside the youth’s home. Bill 25-826 also amends the District of Columbia Auditor Subpoena and Oath Authority Act of 2004 to establish a permanent and independent Deputy Auditor for Independent Juvenile Justice Facilities Oversight in the Office of the Auditor.

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, September 23, 2024**. **Testimony is limited to four 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 contact Blaine Stum, Senior Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-8092 or bstum@dccouncil.gov.

Public witnesses will participate virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Testimony should be submitted through the Council’s Hearing Management System (<https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings>) in advance of the hearing. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted through the Hearing Management System or left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes, which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on October 9, 2024.