

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND FAMILY SERVICES
MEMORANDUM

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Janeese Lewis George *Janeese Lewis George*
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the November 26, 2024 Legislative Meeting
DATE: November 21, 2024

I request the following measures be agendized for the November 26, 2024 Legislative Meeting:

- **B25-0043 - Losing Outdated, Violent Exceptions Amendment Act of 2024**
- **B25-0243 - Child and Family Services Agency Investigation Completion Amendment Act of 2024**
- **B25-0952 - the Luggage for All Youth in Foster Care Amendment Act of 2024**

B25-0043 - Losing Outdated, Violent Exceptions Amendment Act of 2024, or LOVE Act

B25-0043 repeals the religious exemption to the District's definition of child neglect to ensure the same definition of neglect applies to all District parents, regardless of religious beliefs. The Committee unanimously approved the bill at markup.

B25-0243 - Child and Family Services Agency Investigation Completion Amendment Act of 2024

B25-0243 extends CFSA's timeframe for completing abuse and neglect investigations from 30 to 45 days. If the allegation involves a child fatality, sex trafficking, or care in a foster home, group home, or licensed day care facility, the deadline is extended to 60 days. The bill also removes the practice of family assessments from the Agency's obligations when handling reports of abuse and neglect. The Committee unanimously approved the bill at markup.

B25-0952 - the Luggage for All Youth in Foster Care Amendment Act of 2024, or Lisa's Law

B25-0243 requires CFSA to provide new or slightly used luggage to youth who are entering foster care, moving from one foster care placement to another, starting higher education or military service, or exiting foster care; requires CFSA to establish, inspect, and maintain an inventory of new and slightly used luggage; establishes the luggage will be the property of the youth and cannot be taken by CFSA or individuals with whom the youth is living; authorizes CFSA to solicit, receive, and accept donations of luggage; and requires CFSA to document when luggage is provided and when disposable bags are used and why. The Committee unanimously approved the bill at markup.

Copies of the bills' committee reports are attached. Please contact Sebastian Weinmann at sweinmann@dccouncil.gov with any questions.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
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