

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the District of Columbia Theft and White Collar Crimes Act of 1982 to enhance penalties imposed for certain crimes against school teachers, administrators, and mental health professionals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “School Teacher, Administrator, and Mental Health Professional Protection (STAMP) Emergency Amendment Act of 2024”.

Sec. 2. Title II of the District of Columbia Theft and White Collar Crimes Act of 1982 effective December 1, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-164; D.C. Official Code § 22-3601 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 206 to read as follows:

“Sec. 206. Enhanced penalties for committing a crime of violence against school teachers, administrators, and mental health professionals.

“(a) A person who commits any offense listed in subsection (b) of this section against an individual whom the person knew or believed to be a school teacher, administrator, or mental health professional while the school teacher, administrator, or mental health professional is engaged in the performance of his or her duties or on account of the performance of those duties, may be punished by a fine of up to 1 1/2 times the maximum fine otherwise authorized for the

31 offense and may be imprisoned for a term of up to 1 1/2 times the maximum term of imprisonment
32 otherwise authorized for the offense, or both.”.

33 “(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall apply to the following offenses:
34 Abduction, arson, aggravated assault, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault with intent to kill,
35 assault with intent to commit any other offense, threats of violence, intimidation, harassment,
36 stalking, burglary, carjacking, armed carjacking, extortion or blackmail accompanied by threats of
37 violence, kidnapping, malicious disfigurement, manslaughter, mayhem, murder, robbery, sexual
38 abuse in the first, second, and third degrees, theft, fraud in the first degree, fraud in the second
39 degree, identity theft, or an attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing offenses.”.

40 “(c) For purposes of this section, the term:

41 “(1) “School teacher” means a person who provides instruction to children or adults
42 in a child development facility or in a primary, secondary, or post-secondary institution in the
43 District of Columbia. The term shall include substitute teachers, educational aides, teaching
44 assistants, paraprofessionals, student teachers, sports coaches, and after-school program
45 instructors.”.

46 “(2) “School administrator” means a professional whose job responsibilities include
47 managing the functions and administration of a child development facility or a primary, secondary,
48 or post-secondary institution in the District of Columbia.”.

49 “(3) “School mental health professional” means a person whose primary job
50 responsibilities include assessing and addressing the psychological, socio-emotional, and mental
51 health needs of students in a primary, secondary, or post-secondary institution in the District of
52 Columbia and. The term shall include school counselors, psychologists, and social workers.”.

53 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

57 Sec. 4. Effective date.

58 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
59 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90
60 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a)
61 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C.
62 Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).