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6 Councilmember Anita Bonds
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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14 To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Theft and White Collar
15 Crimes Act of 1982 to enhance penalties imposed for certain crimes against
16 school teachers, administrators, and mental health professionals.

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

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

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

26 “(a) A person who commits any offense listed in subsection (b) of this section
27 against an individual whom the person knew or believed to be a school teacher,

28 administrator, or mental health professional while the school teacher, administrator,
29 or mental health professional is engaged in the performance of his or her duties or on
30 account of the performance of those duties, may be punished by a fine of up to 1 1/2
31 times the maximum fine otherwise authorized for the offense and may be imprisoned
32 for a term of up to 1 1/2 times the maximum term of imprisonment otherwise
33 authorized for the offense, or both.”.

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

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

44 “(1) “School teacher” means a person who provides instruction to
45 children or adults in a child development facility or in a primary, secondary, or post-
46 secondary institution in the District of Columbia. The term shall include substitute

47 teachers, educational aides, teaching assistants, paraprofessionals, student teachers,
48 sports coaches, and after-school program instructors.”.

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

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

58 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

59 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the
60 fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures
61 Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-
62 301.47a).

63 Sec. 4. Effective date.

64 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event
65 of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of

66 congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia
67 Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
68 206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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

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