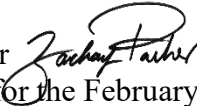


Council of the District of Columbia
OFFICE OF WARD 5 COUNCILMEMBER ZACHARY PARKER
MEMORANDUM

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Zachary Parker 
RE: Request to Agendize Measure for the February 4, 2025 Legislative Meeting
DATE: January 30, 2025

I request that the following measures be agendized for the February 4, 2025 Legislative Meeting:

- **The Office of Independent Juvenile Justice Facilities Oversight Plan Emergency Declaration of 2025;**
- **The Office of Independent Juvenile Justice Facilities Oversight Plan Emergency Act of 2025; and**
- **The Office of Independent Juvenile Justice Facilities Oversight Plan Temporary Act of 2025.**

In the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, the Council of the District of Columbia restored funding to the Office of Independent Juvenile Justice Facilities Oversight (“Office”) after its budget had been zeroed out. To prevent future cuts to the Office’s budget, the Council enacted the Juvenile Justice Facilities Oversight Act of 2024, a subtitle in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Support Act of 2024 (“BSA”) establishing the Office as a program within the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor (“Auditor”). At the time, this placement was considered to be temporary. As such, the subtitle directed the Office to develop a plan for the continuation of the office’s activities through Fiscal Year 2027 and “present that plan to the Council of the District of Columbia no later than March 1, 2025.”

On December 17, 2024, the Council passed on second reading the Recidivism Reduction at DYRS Amendment Act of 2024, which permanently transfers the functions of the Office to the Auditor and creates new oversight and compliance responsibilities for the Auditor. While this legislation is still pending mayoral and congressional approval (as well as funding), the report mandated by the BSA is moot. The Auditor is already making preparations for the new scope of work that will be required when the Recidivism Reduction at DYRS Amendment Act of 2024 is implemented.

The emergency and temporary acts would strike the requirement that the Office report to the Council by March 1, 2025 to avoid the unnecessary and wasteful expenditure of staff resources on a plan and report that is no longer required.

Copies of all three measures are attached. For any questions or concerns, please contact Conor Shaw, Deputy Chief of Staff, at (771) 333-9817 or cshaw@dccouncil.gov

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary

Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director
Office of the District of Columbia Auditor
Office of Independent Juvenile Justice Facilities Oversight
Mayor's Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs