



Councilmember Anita Bonds

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute Act of 2005 to modify the use of Department of Employment Services funds relating to food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases for workforce development program participants; to amend the Child and Youth, Safety and Health Omnibus Amendment Act of 2004 to expand the definition of a covered child or youth services provider to include employees or volunteers of host employers participating in summer youth programs administered by the Department of Employment Services; and, to amend the Youth Employment Act of 1979 to authorize the Department of Employment Services to conduct background checks and motor vehicle record checks of employees or volunteers of a host employer or grantee with direct contact or unsupervised access to youth participating in the programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Youth Workforce Development Programs Emergency Amendment Act of 2025".

Sec. 2. Section 3(d) of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute Act of 2005, effective October 20, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-32; D.C. Official Code § 2-1572(d)), is amended by striking the phrase "and the District government employees who supervise the youth during the required summer program sessions." and inserting a period in its place.

Sec. 3. Section 202(3) of the Child and Youth, Safety and Health Omnibus Amendment Act of 2004, effective April 13, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-353; D.C. Official Code § 4-1501.02(3)), is amended to read as follows:

"(3) "Covered child or youth services provider":

33                   “(A) Means any District government agency providing direct services to  
34 children or youth and any private entity that is licensed by or contracts with the District to provide  
35 direct services to children or youth, or for the benefit of children or youth, that affect the health,  
36 safety, and welfare of children or youth, including individual and group counseling, therapy, case  
37 management, supervision, or mentoring.

38                   “(B) The term “covered child or youth services provider” does not include  
39 foster parents or grantees.

40                   “(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the term “covered  
41 child or youth service provided” includes an employee or volunteer of a host employer or grantee  
42 participating in programs established pursuant to section 2a of the Youth Employment Act of 1979,  
43 effective January 5, 1980 (D.C. Law 3-46; D.C. Official Code § 32-242), who has direct contact  
44 with or unsupervised access to youth participating in such programs.”.

45                   Sec. 4. Section 2a of the Youth Employment Act of 1979, effective January 5, 1980 (D.C.  
46 Law 3-46; D.C. Official Code § 32-242a), is amended as follows:

47                   (a) Subsection (h) is amended as follows:

48                         (1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the semicolon and inserting the phrase “;  
49 and” in its place.

50                         (2) Paragraph (2) is repealed.

51                         (3) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking “closing ceremony” and inserting the  
52 phrase “activities”.

53                   (b) A new subsection (i) is added to read as follows:

54 “(i) The Department of Employment Services is authorized to perform criminal background  
55 checks and traffic record checks for employees and volunteers of host employers or grantees  
56 participating in programs established pursuant to this section in accordance with the Criminal  
57 Background Checks for the Protection of Children Act of 2004, effective April 13, 2005 (D.C. Law  
58 15-353; D.C. Official Code § 4-1501.01 *et seq.*).”.

59 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

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

63 Sec. 6. Effective date.

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