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Councilmember Brooke Pinto

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia and the Corrections Oversight Improvement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2022 to designate the Department of Corrections as the District agency to provide a free appropriate public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and District law to certain individuals in its custody and detained in its secure facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Special Education for Young Adults in the Custody of the Department of Corrections Emergency Amendment Act of 2025”.

Sec. 2. Section 2(b) of An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia, approved June 27, 1946 (60 Stat. 320; D.C. Official Code § 24-211.02(b)), is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph (9) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(b) The first paragraph (10) is amended by striking the period and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(c) The second paragraph (10) is redesignated as paragraph (11).

(d) The newly redesignated paragraph (11) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; and” in its place.

34 (d) A new paragraph (12) is added to read as follows:

35 “(12) During school year 2024-2025, provide a free appropriate public education
36 (“FAPE”) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, approved April 13, 1970 (84
37 Stat. 175; 20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*) (“IDEA”), and District law to individuals with disabilities
38 who are in its custody and detained in its secure facilities from the age of 18 through the end of
39 the individual’s eligibility for FAPE under the IDEA and District law.”.

40 Sec. 3. Amendatory section 2 within section 10(a) of the Corrections Oversight
41 Improvement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2022, effective April 21, 2023 (D.C. Law 24-344; 70
42 DCR 635), is amended as follows:

43 (a) Paragraph (12) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a semicolon in
44 its place.

45 (b) Paragraph (13) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; and” in
46 its place.

47 (c) A new paragraph (14) is added to read as follows:

48 “(14) During school year 2024-2025, provide a free appropriate public education
49 (“FAPE”) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, approved April 13, 1970 (84
50 Stat. 175; 20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*) (“IDEA”), and District law to individuals with disabilities
51 who are in its custody and detained in its secure facilities from the age of 18 through the end of
52 the individual’s eligibility for FAPE under the IDEA and District law.”.

53 Sec. 4. Applicability.

54 This act shall apply as of April 12, 2025.

55 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

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

59 Sec. 6. Effective date.

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