



Councilmember Zachary Parker

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to revise the composition of the Child Fatality Review Committee, to include the relevant committee within the Council of the District of Columbia, that has oversight over the Child and Family Services Agency.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Child Fatality Review Committee Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2025”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists and immediate need to revise the composition of the Child Fatality Review Committee (CFRC) so that the Councilmember and committee staff who oversee the Child and Family Services Agency may begin to attend and have access to all committee related meetings and work product. In January of 2025, the Committee on Youth Affairs was established in the Council Period 26 Rules of the DC Council. In its establishment, the Committee on Youth Affairs was granted oversight of the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), and all matters related to it. Previously, in Council Period 25, the Committee on Facilities and Family Services, in their oversight capacity of CFSA, attended all meetings and had access to work product related to the CFRC even though the Committee did not have a

35 formal right to such access. At the onset of Council Period 26, the Committee on Youth Affairs
36 attempted to formally join the CFRC, as the new committee was designated with oversight of
37 CFSA; however, the Committee on Youth Affairs was informed that this request would not be
38 accommodated without changes to the law. As a result, the Committee on Youth Affairs has
39 been unable to access any CFRC meetings or materials, which is necessary for its oversight of
40 CFSA and youth in the District.

41 (b) Emergency legislation is needed to immediately grant the Committee on Youth
42 Affairs the proper authority to join the CFRC so that the Committee can continue to properly
43 execute its Council-assigned oversight responsibilities.

44 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in
45 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Child Fatality
46 Review Committee Emergency Amendment Act of 2025 be adopted after a single reading.

47 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.