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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, due to congressional review, the Juvenile Curfew Act of 1995 to authorize the Mayor to extend the juvenile curfew hours in the District when appropriate to protect public safety or public or private property, to authorize the Chief of Police to establish extended juvenile curfew hour zones in specified circumstances, to start the juvenile curfew hours at 11 p.m. every day, and to extend the applicability of the juvenile curfew to 17-year olds; and to amend the Volunteer Services Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025 to make conforming changes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Juvenile Curfew Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2026”.

Sec. 2. The Juvenile Curfew Act of 1995, effective September 20, 1995 (D.C. Law 11-48; D.C. Official Code § 2-1541 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 3 (D.C. Official Code § 2-1542) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) “Chief of Police” means the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department.”.

(2) A new paragraph (1A) is added to read as follows:

“(1A) “Curfew hours” means:

“(A) From 11:00 p.m. every day until 6:00 a.m. on the following day;

“(B) Extended curfew hours established by the Mayor pursuant to section 3a; and

“(C) Extended curfew hours in extended juvenile curfew zones established by the Chief of Police pursuant to section 3b.”.

(3) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the phrase “under the age of 17 years” and inserting the phrase “under the age of 18 years” in its place.

(4) A new paragraph (6A) is added to read as follows:

“(6A) “Notice of violation of curfew” means a verbal warning, authorized by an official that informs a groups of juveniles that they are violating the terms of a curfew, that they may be arrested if they continue to violate the curfew, and identifies reasonable steps that they can take to leave the area to avoid arrest.”.

(b) New sections 3a and 3b are added to read as follows:

“Sec. 3a. Temporary extensions of juvenile curfew hours.

“(a) The Mayor may, by issuance of an administrative order pursuant to section 422(11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, effective December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 790; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(11), extend the juvenile curfew hours in the District, or any part of the District, beyond the hours established in section 3(1A)(A), (B), and (C), if the Mayor determines that such an extension is appropriate to protect public safety or public or private property.

“(b) An administrative order issued by the Mayor under subsection (a) of this section shall:

43 “(1) State the basis for the extension of the juvenile curfew hours;

44 “(2) State the locations in the District where the extended juvenile curfew
45 hours shall apply or state that the extended juvenile curfew hours shall apply throughout the
46 District; and

47 “(3) State the days and hours during which the extended juvenile curfew
48 hours shall be in effect; provided, that the extended juvenile curfew hours:

49 “(A) Shall not begin earlier than 8:00 p.m., nor extend past 6:00
50 a.m., on any day;

51 “(B) Shall not remain in effect for more than 4 consecutive days,
52 except as provided in subsection (e) of this section; and

53 “(C) Shall not apply to groups of 8 or fewer individuals.

54 “(c) Except where emergency circumstances, as determined by the Mayor and described
55 in the administrative order issued under subsection (a) of this section, warrant otherwise,
56 extended juvenile curfew hours imposed under this section shall not take effect until at least 24
57 hours after the issuance of the administrative order.

58 “(d) Notice of the issuance of each administrative order issued under this section shall be
59 promptly posted on the main website of the District government and on the website of the
60 Metropolitan Police Department.

61 “(e) The Mayor may extend the time period during which extended juvenile curfew hours
62 imposed by this section shall remain in effect by issuing subsequent Mayor’s orders extending
63 the time period; provided, that each such extension of the time period shall not exceed 30 days.

64 “(f) If members of the Metropolitan Police Department discover juveniles in the

65 designated extended juvenile curfew hours zone during the hours of curfew, the Metropolitan
66 Police Department shall:

67 “(1) Where there:

68 “(A) Is not an imminent danger of bodily injury of significant damage to
69 property, issue at least 2 clearly audible and understandable notices of violation of curfew; or

70 “(B) Is imminent danger of bodily injury or significant damage to
71 property, issue at least one clearly audible and understandable notice of violation of curfew;

72 “(2) Provide juveniles a reasonable and adequate time to disperse; and

73 “(3) Capture on body-worn camera each component of the order to return home
74 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

75 “Sec. 3b. Temporary designations of extended juvenile curfew hour zones.

76 “(a) The Chief of Police may designate any area of the District as an extended juvenile
77 curfew hours zone, in which extended juvenile curfew hours determined by the Chief of Police
78 shall apply, if the Chief of Police determines that the designation of the extended juvenile curfew
79 hours zone is appropriate to protect public safety or public or private property in the extended
80 juvenile curfew hours zone.

81 “(b) To designate an extended juvenile curfew hours zone, the Chief of Police shall issue
82 an order that includes:

83 “(1) The basis for the designation of the extended juvenile curfew hours zone;

84 “(2) The boundaries of the extended juvenile curfew hours zone; and

85 “(3) The days and hours of the extended juvenile curfew hours in the extended
86 juvenile curfew hours zone; provided, that the extended juvenile curfew hours in the extended
87 juvenile curfew hours zone:

88 “(A) Shall not begin earlier than 8:00 p.m., nor extend past 6:00 a.m., on
89 any day;

90 “(B) Shall not remain in effect for more than 4 consecutive days, except as
91 provided in subsection (e) of this section; and

92 “(C) Shall not apply to groups of 8 or fewer individuals.

93 “(c) In determining whether to designate an extended juvenile curfew hours zone, the
94 Chief of Police shall consider the following:

95 “(1) Within the preceding 30 days, the occurrence of:

96 “(A) Juvenile curfew violations in the proposed extended juvenile curfew
97 hours zone;

98 “(B) Police reports of disturbances of the public peace described in section
99 1 of An Act To confer concurrent jurisdiction on the police court of the District of Columbia in
100 certain cases, approved July 16, 1912 (37 Stat. 192; D.C. Official Code § 22-1301), sections 6, 3,
101 9, or 16 of An act for the preservation of the public peace and the protection of property within
102 the District of Columbia, approved July 29, 1892 (27 Stat. 323; D.C. Official Code §§ 22-1307,
103 22-1309, 22-1312, or 22-1318), section 211 of the District of Columbia Law Enforcement Act of
104 1953, approved June 29, 1953 (67 Stat. 98; D.C. Official Code § 22-1321), or section 901 of An
105 Act relating to crime and criminal procedure in the District of Columbia, approved December 27,
106 1967 (81 Stat. 742; D.C. Official Code § 22-1322), in the proposed extended juvenile curfew
107 hours zone;

108 “(C) Police reports of dangerous crimes, as that term is defined in D.C.
109 Official Code § 23-1331(3), in the proposed extended juvenile curfew hours zone;

110 “(D) Police reports of crimes of violence, as that term is defined in D.C.
111 Official Code § 23-1331(4), in the proposed extended juvenile curfew hours zone; or

112 “(E) Police reports of destruction of or damage to public or private
113 property in the proposed extended juvenile curfew hours zone;

114 “(2) Intelligence or verifiable information indicative of an intent of 9 or more
115 juveniles to gather in the proposed extended juvenile curfew hours zone in such a manner that is
116 likely to result in substantial harm to the public safety, the safety of those gathering, or
117 substantial damage to public or private property; and

118 “(3) Any other verifiable information from which the Chief of Police may
119 ascertain that public safety or public or private property in the proposed extended juvenile
120 curfew hours zone is likely to be endangered by the presence of unaccompanied juveniles in the
121 extended juvenile curfew hours zones.

122 “(d) Upon the designation of an extended juvenile curfew hours zone the Chief of Police
123 shall post notice of the designation on the website of the Metropolitan Police Department and
124 shall post signs in the immediate area of the extended juvenile curfew hours zone.

125 “(e) The Chief of Police may extend the duration of the designation of an extended
126 juvenile curfew hours zone to 30 days by issuing a subsequent order extending the duration of
127 the designation.

128 “(f) If members of the Metropolitan Police Department discover juveniles in the
129 designated extended juvenile curfew zone during the hours of curfew, the Metropolitan Police
130 Department shall:

131 “(1) Where there:

132 “(A) Is not an imminent danger of bodily injury or significant damage to
133 property, issue at least 2 clearly audible and understandable notices of violation of curfew; or

134 “(B) Is imminent danger of bodily injury or significant damage to
135 property, issue at least one clearly audible and understandable notice of violation of curfew;

136 “(2) Provide juveniles a reasonable and adequate time to disperse; and

137 “(3) Capture on body-worn camera each component of the order to return home
138 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

139 “(g)(1) An Advisory Neighborhood Commission, business improvement district, or Main
140 Street organization may petition the Chief of Police to establish an extended juvenile curfew
141 hours zone in an area covered by, or adjacent to the area covered by, such entity. Such petition
142 shall be approved by a formal vote of the members of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission,
143 the members of the board of the business improvement district, or the members of the board of
144 the Main Street organization.

145 “(2) A petition submitted pursuant to this subsection shall include the following
146 information:

147 “(A) The proposed boundaries of the extended juvenile curfew hours zone;

148 “(B) The proposed hours of the extended juvenile curfew;

149 “(C) The proposed duration, in days, of the proposed extended juvenile
150 curfew hours;

151 “(D) The reasons why the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, business
152 improvement district, or Main Street organization is requesting the designation of an extended
153 juvenile curfew hours zone; and

154 “(E) Such other information as the Chief of Police may require.

155 “(3) Consideration of a petition submitted under this section, and the
156 determination of whether to designate an extended juvenile curfew hours zone in
157 response to the petition, shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police.”.

158 Sec. 3. Amendatory section 3(1A) within section 3(a)(2) of the Volunteer Services
159 Temporary Amendment Act of 2025, enacted on October 24, 2025 (D.C. Act 26-175; ___ DCR
160 ___), is amended to read as follows:

161 “(1A) “Curfew hours” means:

162 “(A) From 11:00 p.m. every day until 6:00 a.m. on the following day;

163 “(B) Extended curfew hours established by the Mayor pursuant to section
164 3a; and

165 “(C) Extended curfew hours in extended juvenile curfew zones established
166 by the Chief of Police pursuant to section 3b.”.

167 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the
168 Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative
169 Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-
170 301.47a).

171 Sec. 5. Effective date.

172 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
173 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
174 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
175 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
176 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).