

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Choice in Drug Treatment Act of 2000 to establish the Access to Recovery Voucher Program to provide District residents with access to culturally sensitive, substance abuse treatment and recovery support services, to establish a segregated account within the Addiction Recovery Fund into which shall be deposited the federal grant funds awarded to the Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration for the Access to Recovery Voucher Program, to be expended solely for the purposes of the Access to Recovery Voucher Program, and to require that any rules promulgated to apply specifically to the Access to Recovery Voucher Program be submitted to the Council for approval.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Choice in Drug Treatment Temporary Amendment Act of 2008”.

Sec. 2. The Choice in Drug Treatment Act of 2000, effective July 18, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-146; D.C. Official Code § 7-3001 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) A new section 4a is added to read as follows:

“Sec. 4a. Establishment of the Access to Recovery Voucher Program.

“(a) There is established the Access to Recovery Voucher Program (“ATR”), which shall be administered by APRA. The purpose of ATR shall be to provide District residents with access to culturally sensitive, substance abuse treatment and recovery support services for the duration of the 3-year federal Access to Recovery grant awarded to APRA and to serve as an addition and complement to the Choice in Drug Treatment Program, established by section 4.

“(b) The duty of APRA to administer ATR shall include:

“(1) Community outreach and education;

“(2) Collaborating with federal and local agencies in regard to individuals returning to the community after being incarcerated who require substance abuse treatment or recovery support services; and

“(3) Ensuring that ATR achieves the projected target of serving over 11,000 individuals.”.

(b) Section 5 (D.C. Official Code § 7-3004) is amended as follows:

Note,
§ 7-3004

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “The Fund shall be comprised” and inserting the phrase “Except as provided in subsection (a-1) of this section, the Fund shall be comprised” in its place.

(2) A new subsection (a-1) is added to read as follows:

“(a-1) There is established within the Fund a segregated account to be known as the ATR Account, into which shall be deposited the federal grant funds awarded to APRA for ATR, to be expended solely for the purposes of ATR, in accordance with federal requirements and regulations promulgated to implement this act.”.

(3) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “The Fund shall be used only for” and inserting the phrase “Except as provided in subsection (a-1) of this section, the Fund shall be used only for” in its place.

(c) Section 16(a) (D.C. Official Code § 7-3015(a)) is amended as follows:

Note,
§ 7-3015

(1) Designate the existing text as paragraph (1).

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

“(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, all rules promulgated pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall apply to the provisions of the Choice in Drug Treatment Temporary Amendment Act of 2008, passed on 2nd reading on February 5, 2008 (Enrolled version of Bill 17-566) (“temporary act”).

“(B) The Mayor, pursuant to Title 1 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), may issue rules to apply specifically to the provisions of the temporary act. Any such rules shall be submitted to the Council for a 45-day period of review, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, and days of Council recess. If the Council does not approve or disapprove the proposed rules, in whole or in part, by resolution within this 45-day review period, the proposed rules shall be deemed approved.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved

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December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taking effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia