


Chairman Phil Mendelson

AN AMENDMENT
Bill 20-72, "Attendance Accountability Amendment Act of 2013"
(Engrossed Original)
June 4, 2013

Amendment:

1. Page 3, lines 12-15 of the Engrossed Original are repealed.
2. Section 2(a-2)(3) of An Act To provide for the mandatory reporting by physicians and institutions in the District of Columbia of certain physical abuse of children, approved November 6, 1966 (80 Stat. 1354; D.C. Official Code § 4-1321.02(a-2)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a-2)(3) This subsection shall expire upon the effective date of the Attendance Accountability Amendment Act of 2013, passed on 1st reading on May 7, 2013 (Engrossed version of Bill 20-72).”.

Rationale:

Amendment 1: This provision indicated that subparagraph (B)(i) of newly added section 7 was subject to appropriation. As funding for this provision in the out years is being included in the Council's financial plan for the Fiscal year 2014 budget, the subject to appropriation provision is no longer necessary and is thus being repealed.

Amendment 2: Bill 20-72 adds a new section 7(c), which requires all educational institutions¹ to refer a minor student 5 years of age through 13 years of age to the Child and Family Services Agency no later than two business days after the minor student's 10th unexcused absence. As subsection (a-2) of An Act To provide for the mandatory reporting by physicians and institutions in the District of Columbia of certain physical abuse of children reiterates the same requirement, subsection (a-2) is no longer necessary and shall expire upon the effective date of Bill 20-72.

¹ Educational institution refers to District of Columbia Public Schools, D.C. charter schools, private schools, parochial schools, an independent school, and private instructors.

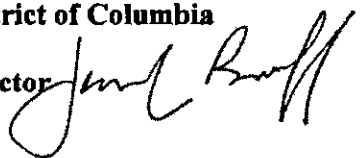
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jennifer Budoff - Budget Director 

DATE: June 4, 2013

SHORT TITLE: B20-72, "Attendance Accountability Amendment Act of 2013"

TYPE: Amendment

REQUESTED BY: Chairman Phil Mendelson

Conclusion

This amendment will not have an adverse impact on the District's budget and financial plan because there is no cost associated with the amendment.

Background

This amendment consists of two modifications to Bill 20-72.

First, it would repeal the "subject to appropriations" provision that applies to the mandated referral of a minor student aged 14-17 to the Court Social Services Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Juvenile Section after the accrual of 15 unexcused absences within a school year. In a fiscal impact statement for B20-72 issued by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) on March 26, 2013, the CFO indicated that the cost to OAG to implement this mandate would be 1 attorney FTE at approximately \$120,000 per year beginning in FY 2015. Funding for this position was included in this FY 2014 Budget and Financial Plan approved by the Council on May 28, 2013, thus making the repeal of the "subject to appropriations" clause possible.

Second, this amendment makes a conforming change to a subsection of "An Act To provide for the mandatory reporting by physicians and institutions in the District of Columbia of certain physical abuse of children" (as codified at D.C. Official Code § 4-1321.02(a-2)), which reiterates

a requirement contained in B20-72. This conforming amendment recognizes that the existing subsection is no longer necessary and shall expire upon the effective date of Bill 20-72.

Analysis of Impact on Spending

This amendment will not adversely impact spending.

Analysis of Impact on Revenue

This amendment will not adversely impact revenue.