

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to require the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue a grant to an organization providing programming to low-income children at the Fort Dupont Ice Arena.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Fort Dupont Ice Arena Programming Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Fiscal Year 2017 Local Budget Act of 2016, effective July 29, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-142; 63 DCR 8786) (“Local Budget Act”), allocated \$235,000 in recurring funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation (“the Department”) to support programming at the Fort Dupont Ice Arena for low-income children.

(b) The National Park Service transferred jurisdiction of Fort Dupont to the District in 2010. Currently, a nonprofit organization leases and operates the ice rink on the site, offering a variety of programs, one of which provides free figure skating, hockey, and speed skating lessons to low-income children.

(c) Since the passage of the Local Budget Act, it came to light that the Department lacks grant-making authority, preventing it from distributing the funds allocated to it for programming at the Fort Dupont Ice Arena.

32 (d) The Fort Dupont Ice Arena Programming Temporary Amendment Act of 2017,
33 effective December 1, 2017 (D.C. Law 22-29) (“Temporary Amendment Act”), gave the
34 Department the authority to issue a grant using funds allocated for programming at Fort Dupont
35 Ice Rink. The Temporary Amendment Act expires on July 14, 2018.

36 (e) Title VI, Subtitle K of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Support Act of 2018, Engrossed
37 Version of Bill 22-753 passed on First Reading (“Budget Support Act”), would permanently give
38 the Department the authority to issue a grant using funds allocated for programming at Fort
39 Dupont Ice Rink. However, the Budget Support Act will not take effect before the Temporary
40 Amendment Act expires.

41 (f) This legislation is necessary to give the Department the authority to issue a grant using
42 funds allocated for programming at Fort Dupont Ice Rink after the expiration of the Temporary
43 Amendment Act until the Budget Support Act takes effect.

44 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
45 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Fort
46 Dupont Ice Arena Programming Emergency Amendment Act of 2018 be adopted after a single
47 reading.

48 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect on July 14, 2018.