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Chairman Kwame R. Brown

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Kwame R. Brown introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To require that all students in Public High Schools apply to at least one post-secondary institution before graduating; to require that all Public High Schools instruct students on the application process, how to apply for financial aid; any relevant materials needed for parents; any other preparation courses necessary to streamline a transition to post-secondary education; to require OSSE to gather information on the number of students that actually attend a post-secondary institution; and to require that every student take the SAT or the American College Testing program (ACT) before graduation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “College Preparation Plan Act of 2012”.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

- (1) “Public High School” means a District of Columbia Public School or Public Charter School that provides instruction for students in the 9th through 12th grade.

1 (2) “Post-secondary institution” is one that awards an
2 academic degree or professional certification and may include a university,
3 college, seminary, vocational school, or trade school.

4 Sec. 3. The College Preparation plan.

5 (a)(1) The Mayor shall create a plan that ensures that each student will
6 apply to at least one post-secondary institution before graduation (“plan”). The
7 plan shall include a mandatory workshop. The mandatory workshop shall include
8 the following:

- 9 (A) Instructions on how to apply to post-secondary
10 institutions;
- 11 (B) Information on how to apply for financial aid;
- 12 (C) Information to help students identify the most effective
13 post-secondary institutions, including those with a high graduation rate;
- 14 (D) Any relevant materials needed for parents; and
- 15 (E) Any other preparation courses necessary to streamline
16 a transition to a post-secondary institution.

17 (2) OSSE shall issue a report that details the number of students
18 that attend a post-secondary institution, including the number that attend each
19 type, including universities, colleges, vocational training programs, and other
20 institutions.

21 (b) OSSE shall require that every student attending Public High School
22 take the SAT or the American College Testing program (ACT) before graduation.

23 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

1 Sec. 5. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event
3 of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period
4 of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of
5 Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C.
6 Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia
7 Register.