

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**B23-0039, THE “SPECIAL EDUCATION RIGHTS FOR YOUTH DEFENDANTS
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”**

AND

**B23-0095, THE “PROTECTING CHILDREN THROUGH MANDATORY REPORTING
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”**

**Thursday, July 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Room 123, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Thursday, July 11, 2019, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will convene a public hearing on Bill 23-0039, the “Special Education Rights for Youth Defendants Amendment Act of 2019”, and Bill 23-0095, the “Protecting Children Through Mandatory Reporting Amendment Act of 2019”. The hearing will take place in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 10:00 a.m.

The stated purpose of B23-0039, the “Special Education Rights for Youth Defendants Amendment Act of 2019”, is to amend Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Official Code to establish a panel of special education attorneys to represent students with identified special education needs who are involved in the criminal justice system.

The stated purpose of B23-0095, the “Protecting Children Through Mandatory Reporting Amendment Act of 2019”, is to amend An Act To provide for the mandatory reporting by physicians and institutions in the District of Columbia of certain physical abuse of children, to include clergy as mandated reporters, to expand existing reporting requirements by professionals, to require mandated reporters to notify the board of governors, if any, of any facility or institution of a mandated report, to require the chair of the board of governors, if any, to make a separate report to MPD or CFSA, to require clergy to testify in Family Court proceedings concerning information for which they must report, to increase the penalty for failure to report, to require OAG

to report a guilty verdict to the licensing board for which the mandated reporter may be licensed, to establish training requirements for mandated reporters, to establish a civil penalty for the failure of a mandated reporter to take the required training, to require OAG – in consultation with CFSA – to develop and approve a training curriculum for mandated reporters, and to give OAG rulemaking authority to implement the provisions of the Act; to amend the Office of Administrative Hearings Establishment Act of 2001 to provide a mechanism for a mandated reporter to challenge the civil penalty for failing to take the required training, and to exempt from the limitations on OAG's authority to issue subpoenas, subpoenas issued concerning the violation of the mandatory reporting requirements.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact the Committee via email at judiciary@dccouncil.us and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Friday, July 5**. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Witnesses should bring **twenty copies** of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to judiciary@dccouncil.us.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee at judiciary@dccouncil.us. **The record will close at the end of the business day on Thursday, July 25.**

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