

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary basis, An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia to prohibit the District from cooperating with federal immigration agencies, including by complying with detainer requests, absent a judicial warrant or order.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Sanctuary Values Temporary Amendment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. Section 7 of An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia, approved June 27, 1946 (60 Stat. 320; D.C. Official Code § 24-211.07), is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 7. Prohibition on cooperation with federal immigration agencies.

“(a) Absent a judicial warrant or order, issued by a federal judge appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States Constitution or a federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, that authorizes a federal immigration agency to take into custody the person who is the subject of such warrant or order, the District of Columbia shall not:

“(1) Hold an individual in the District’s custody after that individual would have been otherwise released, except as provided in § 24-211.02(c);

“(2) Provide to a federal immigration agency an individual’s date and time of release, location, address, or criminal case information;

34 “(3) Provide to any federal immigration agency an office, booth, or any facility or
35 equipment for a search of or inquiry about an individual in the District’s custody;

36 “(4) Permit any federal immigration agency to interview an individual in the
37 District’s custody without giving the individual an opportunity to have counsel present; or

38 “(5) Grant any federal immigration agency access to a District detention facility,
39 including St. Elizabeths Hospital or a facility under the control of the Department of Corrections
40 or the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, for the purpose of releasing an individual
41 into federal custody.

42 “(b) The District shall not inquire into the immigration status of an individual in its
43 custody.

44 “(c) This section shall not be construed to establish a right to counsel that does not
45 otherwise exist in law.

46 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

47 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
48 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
49 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

50 Sec. 4. Effective date.

51 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
52 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review
53 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
54 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
55 Columbia Register.

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