

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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To require the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs to research and produce a report documenting the Black LGBTQIA+ history of the District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Black LGBTQIA+ History Preservation Establishment Act of 2024”.

Sec. 2. Black LGBTQIA+ history report.

(a) The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs (“Office”) shall research and produce a report on Black LGBTQIA+ history in the District. The report shall include:

- (1) The history of the Black Pride Movement in the District, and the notable people, places, and events that contribute to the rich history of the national and global queer culture;
- (2) An analysis of the unique history of Black Trans people in the District and the contributions they have made to culture, activism, education, and other important spheres;
- (3) The historical context of the AIDS Crisis, its effects on the Black LGBTQIA+ community in the District, and how policy choices impact the community to the present day;
- (4) Curriculum recommendations for teaching Black LGBTQIA+ history in

27 public schools in line with the Social Studies Standards for District of Columbia Students; and

28 (5) Recommendations on how to promote the report to the public.

29 (b) In developing the report, the Office shall consult individuals with lived experience or
30 expertise on the topics covered and may provide compensation to those individuals for their time
31 and contributions.

32 (c) The Office shall gather input for the report before final publication as follows:

33 (1) Hold a minimum of 2 public meetings; and

34 (2) At least 90 days prior to completing the report, the Office shall publish a draft
35 report and provide a 30-day public comment period.

36 (d) The Office shall submit the final report to the Mayor, the Council, the District of
37 Columbia Archives, and the DC Public Library's People's Archives by May 1, 2025.

38 Sec. 3. Advisory committee.

39 (a) There is established an Advisory Committee to provide guidance and feedback on the
40 development of the report required by section 2 of this act. The Advisory Committee shall
41 consist of 6 members to be appointed as follows:

42 (1) One member from a Historically Black College or University located in the
43 District, with expertise in Black LGBTQIA+ history, recommended by the Office;

44 (2) Two members, with expertise in Black LGBTQIA+ history, appointed by the
45 **Chairman of the** Council;

46 (3) Two members, with expertise in Black LGBTQIA+ history, appointed by the
47 Mayor; and

48 (4) One member who is the Executive Director of ~~from~~ the Commission on the
49 Arts and Humanities, or his or her designee, with expertise in Black LGBTQIA+ history,
50 ~~recommended by the Executive Director of the Commission on Arts and Humanities.~~

51 (b) The Advisory Committee shall meet no more than once a month, for up to 12 months
52 to conduct its business and shall remain in effect until the completion of the report required by
53 section 2 of this act.

54 (c) The Advisory Committee shall submit a final commentary summarizing its activities,
55 recommendations, and any dissenting opinions to the Office, which shall be incorporated into the
56 final report required by section 2 of this act.

57 Sec. 4. Advisory committee compensation.

58 (a) Section 1108(c-2) of the District of Columbia Government
59 Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C.
60 Official Code §1-611.08(c-2)), is amended as follows:

61 (1) Paragraph (8) is amended by striking the period “.” and inserting a
62 semi-colon in its place.

63 (2) A new paragraph (8-a) is added to read as follows:

64 (8-a) Each member of the Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to section 3 of
65 the Black LGBTQ History Preservation Establishment Act of 2024, as approved by the
66 Committee on Public Works and Operations on February 8, 2024 (Committee print of Bill 25-
67 298), may receive compensation in the form of a stipend of not more than \$100 per meeting of
68 the Advisory Committee, in accordance with standards the Mayor may establish by

69 rulemaking.”.

70 (b) Expenses incurred by the Advisory Committee as a whole, or by an individual
71 member when the expense was duly authorized by the Office, shall be reimbursed pursuant to
72 section 1108(d) of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of
73 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Official Code § 1-611.08(d)).

74 Sec. 5. Applicability.

75 (a) This act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved
76 budget and financial plan.

77 (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal effect in
78 an approved budget and financial plan and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council
79 of the certification.

80 (c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in
81 the District of Columbia Register.

82 (2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the
83 applicability of this act.

84 Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

85 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
86 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
87 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

88 Sec. 7. Effective date.

89 This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the

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90 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto) and a 30-day period of congressional review
91 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
92 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)).