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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Freedom of Information Act of 1976 to exempt from disclosure critical infrastructure information or plans that contain critical infrastructure information for the critical infrastructures of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “DC Water Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Section 204(a)(15) of the Freedom of Information Act of 1976, effective March 29, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-96; D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(15)), is amended by striking the phrase “critical infrastructures of companies that are regulated by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia” and inserting the phrase “critical infrastructures of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority or companies that are regulated by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia” in its place.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

Sec. 4. Effective date.

34 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
35 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
36 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
37 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
38 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).