

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To require the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to establish a youth peer mediation program within the Roving Leaders program for trained youth mediators to facilitate conflict resolution, intervention, and dispute settlement for peers.

BE IT ENACTED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Youth Peer Mediation Act of 2024”.

Section 2. Establishment of the Youth Peer Mediation Program

(a) The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) shall establish and administer a youth peer mediation program.

(b) The program shall provide comprehensive training for Roving Leaders and selected youth to become certified peer mediators, including but not limited to:

(1) Extensive workshops and training sessions on conflict resolution, communication skills, and leadership development.

(2) Roving Leaders and youth selected to become peer mediators shall receive a stipend for training and their work as mediators.

Section 3. Reporting Requirements

40 (a) The Department of Parks and Recreation shall submit annual reports to the Council on  
41 the curriculum for training youth mediators and data on access, usage, and feedback from youth  
42 participants in the program.

43 Section 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

48 Section 5. Effective date.

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