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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To require the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish a Ward 8 chess club and tournament program in partnership with District of Columbia Public Schools to expand educational benefits that foster critical thinking and strategic skills among students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the “Ward 8 Chess Club and Tournament Act of 2024”.

Sec. 2. Establishment of partnership between DPR and DCPS for a Ward 8 chess club and tournament program.

(1) The Department of Parks and Recreation (“DPR”) shall establish a program in partnership with District of Columbia Public Schools (“DCPS”) to expand to establish and facilitate a Ward 8 Chess Club and Tournament accessible students in every ward:

- (A) DPR and DCPS shall establish at least one program site;
- (B) DPR and DCPS shall establish funding for materials and training.
- (C) DPR and DCPS shall promote awareness through their agencies;
- (D) DPR and DCPS shall establish criteria for chess club membership;
- (E) DPR and DCPS shall establish criteria for the chess club membership in

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46 consultation with local youth chess club organizers;

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48 (F) DPR shall facilitate security to ensure the safety of chess club members and
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50 tournament participants at DPR locations.

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52 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

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60 Sec. 4. Effective date.

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62 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto
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64 by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of
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66 congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home
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68 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
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70 206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.