

A RESOLUTION

20-769

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 17, 2014

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend An Act To provide for voluntary apprenticeship in the District of Columbia and the Amendments to An Act to Provide for Voluntary Apprenticeship in the District of Columbia Act of 1978 to make technical and conforming amendments to allow the District of Columbia to continue to be recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor to operate as a State Apprenticeship Agency.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Apprenticeship Modernization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) The District of Columbia is currently recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor as able to operate as a State Apprenticeship Agency pursuant to Title 29 CFR, part 29.13, and has been since 1946.

(b) Beginning in 2008, the U.S. Department of Labor began the process of updating the Federal rules governing apprenticeship programs, labor standards for registration, and amending its regulations.

(c) To conform to the new regulations, for Federal purposes, each State Apprenticeship Agency must update its existing apprenticeship statutes and regulations for continued recognition as an apprenticeship registration agency.

(d) The District of Columbia, through its Office of Apprenticeship, Information and Training within the Department of Employment Services, has worked closely with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, to draft mutually agreeable changes to the District’s apprenticeship statutes and regulations.

(e) The U.S. Department of Labor has indicated by letter that once the drafted changes are enacted, the District will retain its more than 60 years of recognition as a State Apprenticeship Agency.

(f) The present action, amending the apprenticeship statutory law, is necessary to move forward with conforming the local apprenticeship regulations to the Federal standards.

(g) The U.S. Department of Labor has indicated its preference for immediate action so that all current and new apprenticeship programs approved by the jurisdiction are in compliance with the new Federal standards.

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Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Apprenticeship Modernization Emergency Amendment Act of 2014 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.