

A RESOLUTION

25-398

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 9, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, to amend the Sexual Harassment Investigation Review Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2023 and the Sexual Harassment Investigation Review Temporary Act of 2023 to require the Inspector General to hire, subject to funding availability, an independent counsel in Fiscal Year 2024 and to produce a report of findings no later than 120 days after the award of a contract with an independent counsel.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sexual Harassment Investigation Review Clarification Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) On October 3, 2023, the Council approved on 1st reading the Sexual Harassment Investigation Review Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, effective October 31, 2023 (D.C. Act 25-293; 70 DCR 14520) (“emergency act”). The emergency act will expire on January 29, 2024.

(b) On November 7, 2023, the Council approved on 2nd reading the Sexual Harassment Investigation Review Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, enacted November 21, 2023 (D.C. Act 25-314; 70 DCR 15472) (“temporary act”). The temporary act is pending congressional review.

(c) To prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act, it is necessary to pass congressional review legislation.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Sexual Harassment Investigation Review Clarification Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.