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A RESOLUTION

25-745

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 3, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Office of Citizen Complaint Review Establishment Act of 1998 to expand the membership of the Police Complaints Board, and to allow the Office of Police Complaints' Executive Director to initiate their own complaint if they discover evidence of abuse or misuse of police powers that was not alleged in the original complaint, including the failure to intervene or report to a supervisor when another officer used excessive force, engaged in other forms of misconduct, or violated a rule or regulation; and to amend Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the District of Columbia Official Code to clarify that certain provisions only apply to a victim who is under the age of 18.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Technical Second Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024".

Sec. 2. (a) On December 20, 2022, the Council passed the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022, effective April 21, 2023 (D.C. Law 24-345; 70 DCR 953) ("permanent law"). While most of the permanent law went into effect on April 21, 2023, section 105 of the permanent law remains unfunded and has not yet taken effect. Instead, substantially similar provisions have been maintained on an emergency and temporary basis.

(b) There also existed a need to clarify the scope of reporting requirements amended by the Expanding Supports for Crime Victims Amendment Act of 2022, effective April 6, 2023 (D.C. Law 24-341; 69 DCR 14698).

(c) In response, on April 2, 2024, the Council passed the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Technical Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, effective June 1, 2024 (D.C. Law 25-173; 71 DCR 4658) ("temporary act"). The temporary act is set to expire on January 12, 2025.

(d) This round of emergency and temporary legislation is now necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the temporary act and the applicability date of section 105 of the permanent legislation. This round of emergency and temporary legislation is also necessary to clarify the scope of reporting requirements amended by the Expanding Supports for Crime Victims Amendment Act of 2022.

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Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Technical Second Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.