



Chairman Phil Mendelson

AN AMENDMENT (#1A)

Bill 24-549, "Research Practice Partnership Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2021"
(Emergency Version)
December 7, 2021

Amendment #1:

The long title is amended to read as follows:

"To clarify, on an emergency basis, that the Research Practice Partnership Collaborative may assist its Advisory Committee."

Amendment #2:

Section 2 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Section 105 of Title I of the District of Columbia Education Research Practice 26 Partnership Establishment and Audit Act of 2018, approved March 28, 2019 (D.C. Law 22-268; 27 D.C. Official Code § 38-785.04), is amended by adding a new subsection (e) to read as follows: "(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law, the Partnership and its Executive Director may provide staff support to the Advisory Committee including the scheduling of meetings and the drafting of documents."

Rationale: These amendments clarify the intent of the emergency, which is to ensure that the Executive Director of the Research Practice Partnership (RPP) Collaborative can call the Advisory Committee's first meeting and assist the Committee with drafting its by-laws. On December 1, 2021, the Executive Director of the RPP received an email from the Office of Open Government's Chief Counsel, in which he stated that it was his opinion that ". . . I did not find authority in the RPP for the Collaborative to call a meeting of the Advisory Committee or direct the Advisory Committee when to meet; and . . . I did not find authority in the RPP for the Collaborative (a non-government entity), to direct the Advisory Committee regarding the content of its bylaws." Because of this email, the Executive Director of the RPP had to cancel the Advisory Committee's first meeting, which was supposed to be held on December 6, 2021, until this matter could be resolved. Thus, this amendment resolves this issue in a narrowly tailored manner.