



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson and Councilmember Anita Bonds

DATE: January 3, 2022  

RE: **Notice of intent to move an amendment in the nature of a substitute at the January 4, 2022 Legislative Meeting**

This memorandum serves as notice that I and Councilmember Bonds intend to move an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) for Bill 24-96, the “Eviction Record Sealing Authority and Fairness in Renting Amendment Act of 2021” at the Legislative Meeting scheduled for January 4, 2022. The ANS:

- Clarifies that certain requirements under Section 16-1501 do not apply to complaints involving commercial tenants;
- Ensures that prospective tenant’s receive complete and accurate information about their rights regarding tenant screening;
- Prohibits housing providers from charging more than \$35 for an application fee;
- Prohibits housing providers from basing an adverse action on a prospective tenant’s lack of a credit score;
- Provides for enforcement of Section 510 through the Office of Human Rights (OHR), subject to appropriations; and
- Allows prospective tenants to file a civil action against a housing provider who has violated the law in Superior Court if they do not pursue enforcement through OHR.

A copy of the proposed ANS is attached. Please call me or Blaine Stum if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.