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Chairman Phil Mendelson

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on an emergency basis, the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act to provide procedures to fill a vacancy in the position of Executive Director.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Acting Executive Director Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Section 6(a) of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act, effective October 21, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-22; D.C. Official Code § 39-205(a)), is amended by adding a new paragraph (4) to read as follows:

“(4) In the event of a vacancy in the position of Executive Director:

“(A) The Commission may designate individuals to serve as interim or acting Executive Director; provided, that:

“(i) An individual designated as interim Executive Director is an employee of the Commission at the time the vacancy in the position of Executive Director occurs;

“(ii) An individual designated as acting Executive Director has been nominated to serve as Executive Director pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

“(iii) The total combined period of time during which the Commission relies on an interim or acting Executive Director does not exceed 180 days.

“(B) An individual appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

This act shall apply as of October 1, 2022.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).