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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 University of the District of Columbia’s exclusive use of PR Harris.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Clarification of UDC PR Harris Exclusive Use Repeal Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Section 422 of the University of the District of Columbia Expansion Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-370; D.C. Official Code § 10-507.01, note) is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (a) is amended to read as follows:

“(a)(1)(A) The University of the District of Columbia may maintain a Ward 8 food hub and sufficient office space at the closed Patricia R. Harris Educational Center school building and site (“PR Harris”).

“(B) For purpose of this paragraph, the term:

“(i) “Sufficient office space” means office space sufficient for the purposes of the University of the District of Columbia, as agreed upon by the Mayor and the University of the District of Columbia.

“(ii) Ward 8 food hub” means food production and distribution operations similar in scope to those engaged in by the University of the District of Columbia.

“(2) The District of Columbia shall assume any rights and obligations of the University of the District of Columbia as lessor under any existing lease or leases for PR Harris retroactively to April 13, 2021.

“(3) If the Mayor leases or subleases PR Harris in accordance with An Act Authorizing sale of certain real estate in the District of Columbia no longer required for public purposes, approved August 5, 1939 (53 Stat. 1211; D.C. Official Code § 10-801 *et. seq*), the University of the District of Columbia shall retain the right to maintain a Ward 8 food hub at and sufficient space at PR Harris.”.

Sec. 3. 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 § 1-201.47a).

Sec. 4. 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)).