



Chairman Phil Mendelson

AMENDMENT

Bill 25-826, ““Recidivism Reduction at DYRS Amendment Act of 2024”
(Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute)
December 17, 2024

Amendment:

(a) Section 6, lines 303 through 315 are amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 6. Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Plan.

“(a) No later than six months after the effective date of the Recidivism Reduction at DYRS Amendment Act of 2024, the Mayor shall submit to the Council a plan for the construction or adaptation of existing government-owned structures to operate a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for youth in the District of Columbia. The plan, at a minimum, shall include:

“(1) Detailed costs necessary to construct and operate a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for youth in the District of Columbia, including reimbursement rates;

“(2) A proposed timeline for the construction of the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility; and

“(3) A plan for how the facility will intergrate with existing systems of care and community-based services to ensure continuity of treatment and support for youth upon discharge.”

(b) Section 7(a), lines 317 through 318, are amended to read as follows:

“(a) Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of their fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan.”

Rationale: This amendment changes section 6 of the ANS for Bill 25-826 to require a plan for the construction and operation of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for youth in the District of Columbia rather than a feasibility study. The plan would require detailed costs for the construction and operation of the facility, a proposed timeline for the construction of the facility, and a plan for the how the facility will integrate with existing systems of care and community-based services. The amendment also revises the applicability language in section 7 of the ANS to account for the fact that the cost of this plan can be absorbed.