

1 **AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**
2 **Committee of the Whole**
3 **April 21, 2026**

6 A BILL

8 26-430

10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

14 To amend An Act To provide for compulsory school attendance to focus attendance reporting on
15 chronic absenteeism and attendance outcomes; to amend and revise reporting
16 requirements in Title 38 of the D.C Official Code; ~~to amend District of Columbia~~
17 ~~Education Research Practice Partnership Establishment Act to allow the Research~~
18 ~~Practice Partnership to contract directly with DC Government agencies; to amend The~~
19 ~~Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Establishment Act~~
20 ~~per the request of the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission; **to amend the**~~
21 **State Education Office Establishment Act to extend grantmaking authority to the**
22 **Office of the State Superintendent of Education; to amend The Healthy Schools Act**
23 **to reduce duplicative, outdated, and unnecessary reporting requirements, and for**
24 **other purposes.**

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
27 act may be cited as the “Education Code Adjustments Amendment Act of 2026”.

28 Sec. 2. Section 4046 of the Schools Modernization Amendment Act of 2005, effective
29 October 20, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code § 1-325.45), is repealed.

30 Sec. 3. Section 8 of the Youth Bullying Prevention Act of 2012, effective September 14,
31 2012 (D.C. Law 19-167, D. C. Official Code § 2-1535.07), is repealed.

32 **Sec. 4. Section 21a(g)(1) of the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Amendment**
33 **Act of 2017, effective September 23, 2017 (D.C. Law 22-21; D.C. Official Code § 7-**
34 **2051(g)(1)), is amended to read as follows:**

35 **“(1) Beginning in 2027, DOEE, in consultation with OSSE, shall**
36 **provide to the Mayor, the Council, and the Healthy Youth and Schools Commission, no**

37 **later than June 30 of every other year, a biannual report on child development facility**
38 **compliance with this section.”.**

39 Sec. 54. The Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Establishment
40 Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-261, D.C. Official Code § 2-1555.01 *et seq.*),
41 is amended as follows:

42 (a) ~~Subs~~Section 4(a) **(D.C. Official Code § 2-1555.03(a))** is amended as follows:

43 (1) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the word “annual” and inserting the
44 word “biennial” **in its place.**

45 (2) Paragraph (8) is amended by striking the word “annual” and inserting the
46 word “biennial” **in its place.**

47 (b) ~~Subs~~Section 5(g) **(D.C. Official Code § 2-1555.04(g))** is amended by striking the
48 phrase “November 1” and inserting the phrase “December 15” in its place.

49 (c) Section 8(a) **(D.C. Official Code § 2-1555.07(a))** is amended as follows:

50 (1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the word “annual” and inserting the
51 word “biennial” **in its place.**

52 (2) Paragraph (2)(B) is amended by striking the word “annual” and inserting the
53 word “biennial” **in its place.**

54 **Sec. 65. Section 3 of the District of Columbia Employees Child Care Facilities Act of**
55 **1986, effective February 24, 1987 (D.C. Law 6-169, D. C. Official Code § 4-902), is repealed.**

56 Sec. 76. The Public School Enrollment Census Act of 1998, effective March 26, 1999
57 (D.C. Law 12-175, D.C. Official Code § 38-159), is repealed.

58 Sec. 87. Section 2 of Article II of An Act To provide for compulsory school attendance,
59 for the taking of a school census in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, ~~effective~~
60 approved February 4, 1925 (43 Stat. 806; D.C. Official Code § 38-203), is amended as follows:

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

62 ~~(1) Subparagraph (A-i) is amended as follows:~~

63 ~~—————(A) Sub-subparagraph (iii) is amended by striking the word “and”~~

64 ~~—————(B) A new sub-subparagraph (vi) is added to read as follows:~~

65 ~~—————“(ii) The number of students whose attendance rate improved after~~
66 ~~referral to a school-based student support team in the following quarter of that school year.”.~~

67 ~~—————(2) Subparagraph (B-i) is amended by striking the phrase “; and”~~
68 ~~and inserting a semicolon in its place.~~

69 ~~—————(3) Subparagraph (C) is amended by striking the period and inserting the~~
70 ~~phrase “; and” in its place.~~

71 ~~—————(4) New subparagraphs (D) and (E) are added to read as follows:~~

72 ~~—————“(D) The number of minors, categorized by grade, or equivalent grouping~~
73 ~~for ungraded schools, who were chronically absent.~~

74 ~~—————“(E) The total number of minors, categorized by grade, or equivalent~~
75 ~~grouping for ungraded schools”.~~

76 “(i) Within 60 days after the end of a school year, each public, independent, private,
77 or parochial school shall report to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, and
78 make publicly available, the following data for each school or campus under its authority
79 based on the preceding school year:

80 “(1) The number of minors, categorized by grade, or equivalent grouping for
81 ungraded schools, who had unexcused absences for:

82 “(A) One to 5 days;

83 “(B) Six to 10 days;

84 “(C) Eleven to 20 days; and

85 “(D) Twenty-one or more days;

86 “(2) The work of the school-based student support teams in reducing
87 unexcused absences, including:

88 “(A) The number of students who were referred to a school-based
89 student support team;

90 “(B) The number of students who met with a school-based student
91 support team;

92 “(C) A summary of the action plans and strategies implemented by
93 the school-based student support team to eliminate or ameliorate unexcused absences;

94 “(D) The number of students whose attendance rate improved after
95 referral to a school-based student support team in the following quarter of that school
96 year;

97 “(E) A summary of the services utilized by students to reduce
98 unexcused absences; and

99 “(F) A summary of the common barriers to implementing the
100 recommendations of the school-based student support team;

101 “(3) The number of minors, categorized by grade, or equivalent grouping for
102 ungraded schools, that the school reported to the Child and Family Services Agency

103 pursuant to section 2(b)(1)(B) of An Act To provide for the mandatory reporting by
104 physicians and institutions in the District of Columbia of certain physical abuse of children,
105 approved November 6, 1966 (80 Stat. 1354; D.C. Official Code § 4-1321.02(b)(1)(B)).

106 “(4) The number of minors categorized by grade, or equivalent grouping for
107 ungraded schools, that the school referred to the Court Social Services Division of the
108 Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for truancy;

109 “(5) The number of minors, categorized by grade, or equivalent grouping for
110 ungraded schools, who were chronically absent;

111 “(6) The total number of minors, categorized by grade, or equivalent
112 grouping for ungraded schools; and

113 “(7) The policy on absences, including defined categories of valid excuses,
114 that it used.”.

115 (b) A new subsection (l) is added to read as follows:

116 “(l) Beginning in 2026, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education shall maintain
117 a public dashboard that tracks attendance data for each ~~DC Public~~ school in the District of
118 Columbia Public School system and ~~and P~~each public ~~C~~charter Sschool, ~~that,~~ which shall:

119 “(1) ~~Is~~Be updated monthly to reflect the rate of chronically truant and chronically
120 absent students for that school year;

121 “(2) Provide historical data for a comparable reporting period; and

122 “(3) Be filterable by grade level and ward of school.”.

123 Sec. 98. Section 4072(b) of the Attendance Zone Boundaries Act of 2013, effective
124 December 24, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code § 38-221(b)), is amended ~~is amended~~
125 ~~by striking the phrase, “District of Columbia Public Schools (“DCPS”)” and inserting the phrase~~

126 “District of Columbia Public Schools (“DCPS”) and public charter school” in its place. **as**
127 **follows:**

128 **(a) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “and examination” and**
129 **inserting the phrase “an examination” in its place.**

130 **(b) Paragraph (3) is amended as follows:**

131 **(1) Subparagraph (D) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and**
132 **inserting a semicolon in its place.**

133 **(2) Subparagraph (E) is amended by striking the period and inserting the**
134 **phrase “; and” in its place.**

135 **(c) A new paragraph (4) is added to read as follows:**

136 **“(4) Student population trends and academic offerings available across**
137 **DCPS and the public charter school sector and implications for school planning, openings,**
138 **and closings in both sectors.”.**

139 Sec. **109**. Title II of the Attendance Accountability Amendment Act of 2013, effective
140 September 19, 2013 **August 25, 2018** (D. C. Law 22-157; D.C. Official Code § 38-236.01 *et*
141 *seq.*), is amended as follows:

142 (a) ~~Subsection~~ **Section** 206(d) (D.C. Official Code § 38-236.06**(d)**) is repealed.

143 **(b) Section 208 (D.C. Official Code § 38-236.08) is repealed.**

144 ~~(b)~~ Section 209(d) (D.C. Official Code § 38-236.09(d)) is amended to read as follows:

145 “~~(d)~~**(1)** By December 15 of each year, beginning in 2016, ~~the Office of the State~~
146 ~~Superintendent of Education~~ **OSSE** shall publicly report on the data provided by local education
147 agencies ~~and community based organizations~~ in subsection (b) of this section during the
148 preceding school year, including a relevant trend analysis.

149 (2) Beginning in 2026 and every five years thereafter, ~~the Office of the State~~
150 Superintendent of Education OSSE shall submit, as an addendum to its annual public report in
151 subsection (b), to the annual report required by paragraph (1) of this subsection, an
152 evaluation assessment drawing on the previous five years of information maintained and
153 reported pursuant to this section to assess of the longer-term impact of the District disciplinary
154 policies and practices pursuant to ~~under~~ this title and to provide recommendations for further
155 action by the Council, executive branch, ~~and-or~~ schools.”. This report shall include a trend
156 analysis of available data sources, including the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and any District-
157 wide climate surveys, of outcomes and experiences by race, disability status, sexual orientation,
158 and gender identity.

159 Sec. 911. The Pre-k Enhancement and Expansion Amendment Act of 2008, effective July
160 18, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-202; D.C. Official Code § 38-271.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

161 (a) Section 103 (D.C. Official Code § 38-271.03) is repealed. ~~amended as follows:~~

162 (b) Section 104 (D.C. Official Code § 38-271.04) is amended as follows:

163 (1) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “December
164 30 of each year, beginning in 2008, a” and inserting the phrase “May 15 of each year, a” in its
165 place.

166 (2) Paragraph (1) is repealed. A new subsection (f) is added to read as
167 follows:

168 “(f) The annual reports required by subsection (e) of this section, section 104, and
169 Section 105(a) may be submitted to the Council by May 15 annually as one report.”

170 (bc) Section 105(a) (D.C. Official Code § 38-271.05(a)) is amended as follows:

171 (1) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “December

172 30 of each year, beginning in 2009,” and inserting the phrase “May 15 of each year” in its
173 place.

174 **(2) A new paragraph (2A) is added to read as follows:**

175 **“(2A) Benchmarks by which to measure annual achievements within the pre-**
176 **k-education system;”.**

177 Sec. ~~4012~~. Section 4073(d)(2) of The Healthy Tots Act of 2014, effective February 26,
178 2015 (D.C. Law 20-155; D.C. Official Code § 38-~~281~~ *et seq.* (d)(2)), is **amended as follows:**
179 ~~repealed.~~

180 Sec. 11. Section 4074 of The Healthy Tots Act of 2014, effective February 26, 2015
181 (D.C. Law 20-155; D.C. Official Code § 38-283) is amended as follows:

182 (a) Subsection (a) is amended as follows: **Section 4073(d)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 38-**
183 **282(d)(2)) is repealed.**

184 **(b) Section 4074 (D.C. Official Code § 38-283) is amended as follows:**

185 **(1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:**

186 **(1A)** Paragraph (3) is repealed.

187 **(2B)** Paragraph (4) is amended to read as follows:

188 “(4) By June 30 of each year, publish the names and locations of licensed child
189 development facilities with 50% or more eligible children enrolled, and whether or not the
190 facility participates in the CACF Program.”.

191 **(b2)** Subsection (c) is repealed.

192 Sec. 12~~3~~. Section 15c of the District of Columbia Nonresident Tuition Act, effective May
193 9, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-126; D.C. Official Code § 38-312.03), is amended by striking the phrase

194 “within 30 days of July 31, 2012, and on an annual basis thereafter” and inserting the phrase
195 “annually by October 15” in its place~~30 days after September 15, 2027~~”.

196 Sec. 134. Section 3 of the District of Columbia Board of Education Leasing Authority
197 Act of 1982, effective September 29, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-158; D.C. Official Code § 38-401.01), is
198 repealed.

199 Sec. 145. Section 504 of the Early Childhood Education Act ~~Raising the Expectations~~
200 ~~for Education Outcomes Omnibus Act of 2012~~, effective June 19, 2012, (D.C. Law 19-142; D.C.
201 Official Code § 38-755.04), is amended as follows:

202 (a) Paragraph (2)(B) is amended by striking the semicolon and inserting the
203 phrase “; and” in its place.

204 (b) Paragraph (3)(B) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a
205 period in its place.

206 (c) Paragraph (4) is repealed.

207 Sec. 156. Section 103 of the District of Columbia Education Research Practice
208 Partnership Establishment Act of 2018, effective March 28, 2019 (D.C. Law 22-268; D.C.
209 Official Code § 38-785.02), is amended by adding a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

210 “(e) Notwithstanding section 1094 of the Grant Administration Act of 2013,
211 effective December 24, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.13), District agencies
212 may enter into a sole-source, non-competitive grant agreements for up to \$100,000 with the
213 Partnership for agency research projects focused on education and workforce development that
214 align with the Partnership’s research agenda.”.

215 Sec. 167. ~~Section 502(c)(1) of the Sustainable DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014,~~
216 ~~effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 20-142; D.C. Official Code § 38-825.02(c)(1)), is amended~~

217 by striking the word “triennially” and inserting the word “biennially” in its place. The Healthy
218 Schools Act of 2010, effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-209; D.C. Official Code § 38-
219 821.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:

220 (a) Section 303 (D.C. Official Code § 38-822.08) is repealed.

221 ~~Sec. 17. (b) Section 405(2) of The Healthy Schools Act of 2010, effective July 27, 2010~~
222 ~~(D.C. Law 18-209; D.C. Official Code § 38-824.05(2)) is repealed.~~

223 (c) Section 502 (D.C. Official Code § 38-825.02) is amended as follows:

224 (1) Subection (a)(6) is amended by striking the phrase “certification as U.S.
225 Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools” and inserting the phrase “recognition for
226 achievement in green and sustainable school initiatives” in its place.

227 (2) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the word “triennially” and inserting
228 the word “biennially” in its place.

229 (3) Subsection (d) is amended as follows:

230 (A) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the word “shall” and
231 inserting the word “may” in its place; and

232 (B) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the word “shall” and
233 inserting the word “may” in its place.

234 (d) Section 503 (D.C. Official Code § 38-825.03(a)(8)) is amended by striking the
235 phrase “certification as U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools” and
236 inserting the phrase “recognition for achievement in green and sustainable school
237 initiatives” in its place.

238 ~~Sec. 18. (e) Section 602(d) of The Healthy Schools Act of 2010, effective July 27, 2010~~

239 (~~D.C. Law 18-209~~; D.C. Official Code § 38-826.02(d)) is amended by striking the phrase “within
240 30 days of receipt.” and inserting the phrase “by March 15 of each year.” **in its place.**

241 ~~Sec. 19(f)~~ Section 701(c) of ~~The Healthy Schools Act of 2010, effective July 27, 2010~~
242 (~~D.C. Law 18-209~~; D.C. Official Code § 38-827.01(c)) is repealed.

243 Sec. ~~18~~ **20**. Section 404 of the District of Columbia Public Higher Education
244 Reorganization Act, ~~effective~~ **approved** October 26, 1974, (88 Stat. 1430; D.C. Official Code §
245 38-1204.04), is amended by striking the phrase “The Trustees shall make an annual report to the
246 general public, Mayor, Council, and the Congress **on December 31st of each year**” and inserting
247 the phrase “**By December 31 of each year, t**The Trustees shall make **public** an annual report
248 available to the general public, Mayor, **and** the Congress, and shall submit ~~an annual~~ report to
249 the Council” **in its place.**

250 Sec. ~~19~~ **24**. Section 7(~~b~~ **2**) of the Education Licensure Commission Act of 1976, effective
251 April 6, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-104; D.C. Official Code § 38-1307(~~b~~ **2**)), is amended by striking the
252 phrase “File with the Council and the Mayor quarterly reports” and inserting the phrase “Publish
253 information on its website quarterly” in its place.

254 Sec. ~~22~~ **0** Section 2402(c) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995,
255 effective April 26, 1996 (110 Stat. 1321; D.C. Official Code § 38-1804.02(c)), is amended by
256 striking the phrase “December 31” and inserting the phrase “March 15” in its place.

257 **Sec. 21. Paragraph 111(c) of the Placement of Students with Disabilities in**
258 **Nonpublic Schools Amendment Act of 2006 (D.C. Law 16-269; D.C. Official Code § 38-**
259 **2561.11(c)), is repealed.**

260 Sec. ~~22~~ **3**. Section 3(b) of the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, effective
261 October 21, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-176; D.C. Official Code § 38-2602(b)) is amended as follows:

262 (a) Paragraph (28) is repealed.

263 (b) Paragraph (30A) is repealed.

264 (c) Paragraph (33) is amended by striking the period and inserting **a semicolon “; and”**
265 in its place.

266 (d) ~~AN~~new paragraphs (34) **and (35) are** added to read as follows:

267 “(34) Have the authority to issue grants, from funds under its administration, to
268 District of Columbia public schools or public charter schools, local education agencies,
269 institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations,
270 education service providers, or any other entity serving or supporting District learners for the
271 purpose of increasing access to educational opportunities in the District; **and.”**

272 **“(35) Have the authority to issue administrative subpoenas to obtain records**
273 **and other information necessary to conduct residency and enrollment investigations.”**

274 **(e) Section 7c(c)(2)(A) (D.C Official Code § 38-2609), is amended by striking the**
275 **phrase “and school levels shall be submitted to OSSE for the purpose of constructing,**
276 **updating, or maintaining the EDW system” and inserting the phrase “coursework,**
277 **curricula, and school levels shall be submitted to OSSE for the purpose of constructing,**
278 **updating, or maintaining the EDW system or course-coding system”.**

279 Sec. **23** Section 4025(b)(2) of the Higher Education Financial Aid Assistance Act of
280 2006, effective March 2, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-192; D.C. Official Code § 38-2734(b)(2)), **is**
281 **amended as follows:**

282 **(1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking “; and” and inserting a period in its place.**

283 **(2) Paragraph (2) is repealed.**

284 Sec. **24. Section 1104 of t**The School-Based Budgeting and Accountability Act of 1998,
285 effective March 26, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-175; D.C. Official Code §38-2803) is amended as
286 follows:

287 ~~(a) Paragraph 1102a (d)(1) is amended by striking the word “updated” and~~
288 ~~inserting the word “included”.~~

289 **(b1) Subsection** Paragraph 1104(b)(2A) is amended by striking the phrase “every year
290 thereafter” and inserting the phrase “every year thereafter, excepting years when the 10-year
291 Master Facilities Plan is published,” **in its place.**

292 **(2) Subsection (d)(1) is amended by striking the word “updated” and inserting the**
293 **word “included” in its place.**

294 Sec. **25.** Section 104(b) of the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula for Public Schools
295 and Public Charter Schools Act of 1998, effective March 26, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-207; D.C.
296 Official Code § 38-2903(b)) is amended by striking the phrase, “. The Office of the State
297 Superintendent of Education shall publish the algorithm on its website.” **and inserting a period**
298 **in its place.**

299 Sec. **26.** The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
300 Establishment Act of 2012, effective May 1, 2013 (D.C Law 19-304; D.C. Official Code § 49-
301 1101.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

302 (a) Section 4(1) (D.C. Official Code § 49-1101.03(1)) is amended by striking the phrase
303 “10 U.S.C. §§1209 and 1211” and inserting the phrase, “10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211” in
304 its place.

305 (b) Section 21 (D.C. Official Code § 49-1101.20) is amended as follows:

306 (1) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the word “Five” and inserting the word
307 “~~Three~~ **Four**” in its place.

308 (2) Paragraph (c)(2) is amended by striking the ~~number~~ **phrase** “3 **times**”
309 and inserting the ~~word~~ **phrase** “one **time**” in its place.

310 **Sec. 27. Section 3 of the Coronavirus Immunization of School Students and Early**
311 **Childhood Workers Regulation Amendment Act of 2021 (D.C. Law 24-85; 5-A DCMR §**
312 **137.5), is repealed.**

313 Sec. 28. Fiscal impact statement.

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

317 Sec. 29. Effective date.

318 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
319 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto) and a 30-day period of congressional review
320 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
321 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)).