

AN AMENDMENT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Date: May 5, 2015

Amendment offered by: Councilmember Elissa Silverman

To: “Youth Employment and Work Readiness Training Emergency Amendment Act of 2015” and “Youth Employment and Work Readiness Training Temporary Amendment Act of 2015”.

Version: Introduced

Amend section 2, beginning Page 1, Line 25 as follows:

On page 1, line 31, strike “25,000” and insert “21,000” in its place.

Rationale:

Current law places a cap on enrollment in SYEP of 21,000. There is no need to change this cap in an emergency bill in order to expand the program to youth aged 22-24 and the Council should have the opportunity to participate in any further expansion of the program.

On page 4, line 98, add a new subsection (g) to read as follows:

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The Department of Employment Services shall collect, and publish on its website, aggregated information on the participants of the summer youth jobs program, including statistics on the demographics of participants, participants’ activities in the program, and participants’ employment following the end of the program. This information shall be published by

December 31, 2015. Additionally, it is the sense of the Council that the Department of Employment Services shall consult with the Council on revising the existing evaluation requirement for the summer youth jobs program, to focus on program outcomes and program effectiveness.

Rationale:

Given the substantial new investment in the summer youth jobs program, it is important to measure the current outcomes, and commit to rigorously evaluating the program in future years.