1	SUBTITLE F. APPRENTICESHIP FINES
2	Sec. 4051. Short title.
3	This subtitle may be cited as the "Apprenticeship Fines Amendment Act of 2021".
4	Sec. 4052. Section 5(c)(3) of the Amendments to An Act To Provide for Voluntary
5	Apprenticeship in the District of Columbia Act of 1978, effective March 6, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-
6	156; D.C. Official Code § 32-1431(c)(3)), is amended as follows:
7	(1) Strike the phrase "District of Columbia Public Schools" and insert the phrase
8	"Department of Employment Services" in its place.
9	(2) Strike the phrase ", subject to appropriations by Congress".
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11	SUBTITLE H. UNIVERSAL PAID LEAVE
12	Sec. 4061. Short title.
13	This subtitle may be cited as the "Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2021".
14	Sec. 4062. The Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017
15	(D.C. Law 21-264; D.C. Official Code § 32-541.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:
16	(a) Section 101 (D.C. Official Code § 32-541.01) is amended as follows:
17	(1) Paragraph (1) is amended to read as follows:
18	"(1) "Average weekly wage" means the total wages subject to contribution under
19	section 103 earned by an eligible individual during the 4 quarters during which the individual's
20	wages were the highest out of the 5 quarters immediately preceding the qualifying leave event,
21	divided by 52; except that, for claims filed after the applicability date of the Universal Paid
22	Leave Amendment Act of 2021, approved by the Committee of the Whole on July 20, 2021
23	(Committee print of Bill 24-285), and before the 365th day after the end of the public health
24	emergency, the term "average weekly wage" means the total wages subject to contribution under
25	section 103 for the 4 quarters during which the individual's wages were the highest out of the 10
26	quarters immediately preceding the qualifying leave event, divided by 52.".
27	(2) A new paragraph (6A) is added to read as follows:
28	"(6A) "Employer contribution rate" means the uniform percentage of covered
29	employees' wages that covered employers must contribute to the Universal Paid Leave Fund,
30	including the percentage of annual self-employment income that a covered employer who is a
31	self-employed individual must contribute, as provided under this act.".
32	(3) A new paragraph (11A) is added to read as follows:

33	"(11A) "Public health emergency" means the Coronavirus (COVID-19) public
34	health emergency declared pursuant to Mayor's Order 2020-045, on March 11, 2020, and all
35	subsequent extensions.".
36	(4) Paragraph (12) is amended to read as follows:
37	"(12) "Qualifying family leave" means paid leave that an eligible individual may
38	take in order to provide care or companionship to a family member because of the occurrence of
39	a qualifying family leave event.".
40	(5) A new paragraph (13A) is added to read as follows:
41	"(13A) "Qualifying leave event" means a qualifying family leave event, a
42	qualifying medical leave event, a qualifying pre-natal leave event, or a qualifying parental leave
43	event.".
44	(6) Paragraph (14) is amended to read as follows:
45	"(14) "Qualifying medical leave" means paid leave that an eligible individual may
46	take following the occurrence of a qualifying medical leave event.".
47	(7) Paragraph (15) is amended to read as follows:
48	"(15) "Qualifying medical leave event" means, for an eligible individual, the
49	diagnosis or occurrence of a serious health condition, which shall include the occurrence of a
50	stillbirth.".
51	(8) Paragraph (16) is amended to read as follows:
52	"(16) "Qualifying parental leave" means paid leave that an eligible individual
53	may take within one year of the occurrence of a qualifying parental leave event.".
54	(9) A new paragraph (17A) is added to read as follows:

55	"(17A) "Qualifying pre-natal leave" means paid leave that an eligible individual
56	who is pregnant may take for pre-natal medical care following the occurrence of a qualifying
57	pre-natal leave event and prior to the occurrence of a qualifying parental leave event.".
58	(10) A new paragraph (17B) is added to read as follows:
59	"(17B) "Qualifying pre-natal leave event" means the diagnosis of pregnancy by a
60	health care provider.".
61	(11) New paragraph (20A) is added to read as follows:
62	"(20A) "Stillbirth" means the loss of a pregnancy at 20 weeks' gestation or
63	later.".
64	(12) Paragraph (21) is amended to read as follows:
65	"(21) "Universal Paid Leave Fund" means the fund established pursuant to
66	section 1153 of the Universal Paid Leave Implementation Fund Act of 2016, effective October 8,
67	2016 (D.C. Law 21-160; D.C. Official Code § 32-551.02).".
68	(b) Section 102 (D.C. Official Code § 32-541.02) is amended by adding a new subsection
69	(c) to read as follows:
70	"(c) Within 30 days after the applicability date of the Universal Paid Leave Amendment
71	Act of 2021, approved by the Committee of the Whole on July 20, 2021 (committee print of Bill
72	24-285), or of any expansion of benefits or change to the employer contribution rate pursuant to
73	section 104a(c), the Mayor, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative
74	Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 et seq.),
75	shall issue rules to implement the provisions of this act.".
76	(c) Section 103 (D.C. Official Code § 32-541.03) is amended as follows:

77	(1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase "0.62%" and inserting the
78	phrase "0.62%, or a lower rate computed pursuant to section 104a(c)(2)," in its place.
79	(2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase "0.62%" and inserting the
30	phrase "0.62%, or a lower rate computed pursuant to section 104a(c)(2)," in its place.
31	(d) Section 104 (D.C. Official Code § 32-541.04) is amended as follows:
32	(1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase "qualifying family leave
33	event, qualifying medical leave event, or qualifying parental leave event" and inserting the
34	phrase "qualifying leave event" in its place.
35	(2) Subsection (b) is repealed.
36	(3) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the phrase "and the one-week waiting
37	period, if applicable".
38	(4) Subsection (d) is amended to read as follows:
39	"(d)(1)(A) An eligible individual may submit a claim for payment of his or her paid-leave
90	benefits for a period:
91	"(i) During which he or she does not or did not perform his
92	or her regular and customary work because of the occurrence of a qualifying leave event; or
93	"(ii) Following the occurrence of a qualifying leave event,
94	during which he or she is not employed and has not or will not receive benefits pursuant to the
95	District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act, approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat.
96	946; D.C. Official Code § 51-101 et seq.).
97	"(B) An eligible individual may receive retroactive paid-leave
98	benefits pursuant to subparagraph (A)(i) of this paragraph only if he or she submits a claim
99	within 30 calendar days after the qualifying leave event, or, within 180 calendar days after the

qualifying leave event if exigent circumstances prevent the claimant from filing a claim within 30 calendar days after the qualifying leave event; provided, that whenever the final day of such 30-day or 180-day period falls on a day that is a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which District government offices are otherwise closed, the deadline shall be deemed to fall on the next succeeding day when District government offices are open.

"(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), within a 52-workweek period, an eligible individual shall not receive paid-leave benefits, for any number or combination of qualifying leave events, for a duration that exceeds the maximum duration of qualifying parental leave available in the fiscal year during which the individual files a claim for paid-leave benefits, as provided in subsection (e-1) of this section.

"(3) Within a 52-workweek period, an eligible individual may receive the maximum duration of qualifying pre-natal leave available in the fiscal year during which the individual files a claim for paid-leave benefits in addition to the maximum duration of parental leave available during such fiscal year, as provided in subsection (e-1) of this section; provided, that an eligible individual shall not receive any combination of qualifying pre-natal leave and qualifying medical leave for a duration that exceeds the maximum duration of qualifying medical leave available for the fiscal year during which the individual files a claim for paid-leave benefits."

(5) Subsection (e) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) The International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10), or subsequent revisions by the World Health Organization to the International Classification of Diseases, along with the health care provider or caretaker assessments, shall be used to determine the appropriate length of qualifying family leave an eligible individual is entitled to, based on the serious health

123	condition of the eligible individual's family member, or the appropriate length of qualifying
124	medical leave an eligible individual is entitled to, based on the serious health condition of the
125	eligible individual, subject to the limits set forth in subsection (e-1) of this section.".
126	(6) A new subsection (e-1) is added to read as follows:
127	"(e-1)(1) Before October 1, 2021, the maximum duration of each type of paid-leave
128	benefits within a 52-workweek period shall be:
129	"(A) 8 workweeks of qualifying parental leave;
130	"(B) 6 workweeks of qualifying family leave;
131	"(C) 2 workweeks of qualifying medical leave; and
132	"(D) Zero workweeks of qualifying pre-natal leave.
133	"(2) From October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, the maximum duration
134	of each type of paid-leave benefits within a 52-workweek period shall be:
135	"(A) 8 workweeks of qualifying parental leave;
136	"(B) 6 workweeks of qualifying family leave;
137	"(C) 6 workweeks of qualifying medical leave; and
138	"(D) 2 workweeks of qualifying pre-natal leave.
139	"(3) Beginning October 1, 2022, and thereafter, the maximum duration of each
140	type of paid-leave benefits within a 52-workweek period shall be determined pursuant to section
141	104a, but shall be no less than the maximum durations set forth in paragraph (1) of this
142	subsection.".
143	(7) Subsection (f) is amended to read as follows:
144	"(f) An eligible individual may receive payment for intermittent leave; provided, that the
145	total duration of paid-leave benefits an individual receives in a 52-week period shall not exceed

146	the available maximum duration of paid-leave benefits available in the fiscal year during which
147	the individual files a claim to receive paid-leave benefits, as provided in subsection (e-1) of this
148	section.".
149	(8) Subsection (g)(4) is amended to read as follows:
150	"(4) Medical, family, parental, and pre-natal leave benefits for partial weeks of
151	leave shall be prorated.".
152	(e) A new section 104a is added to read as follows:
153	"Sec. 104a. Expansion of paid-leave benefits and employer contribution rate reduction.
154	"(a) By March 1, 2022, and annually thereafter for as long as any expansion of paid-leave
155	benefits or the employer contribution rate reduction set forth in subsection (c) of this section has
156	not been implemented, the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") shall update estimates of the
157	projected cost of the paid-leave program established by this act and any paid-leave benefit
158	expansions set forth in subsection (c)(1) of this section that have not yet been implemented.
159	"(b)(1) On or before March 1 of each year beginning with March 1, 2022, the CFO shall
160	certify the:
161	"(A) Fund balance of the Universal Paid Leave Fund;
162	"(B) Projected annual revenues for the current fiscal year and future fiscal
163	years, for the duration of the financial plan, to be deposited into the Universal Paid Leave Fund
164	at the then-existing employer contribution rate;
165	"(C) Projected annual expenditures from the Universal Paid Leave Fund at
166	the then-existing maximum paid-leave benefit durations; and
167	"(D) Projected fiscal impact of the paid-leave benefit expansions and
168	employer contribution rate reduction set forth in subsection (c) of this section, which shall

169	include whether, and at what tier of expansion, the paid-leave benefit expansions and employer
170	contribution rate reduction would cause the projected fund balance of the Universal Paid Leave
171	fund to fall below the equivalent of 9 months of paid-leave benefits at the expanded tier.
172	"(2) The Mayor shall incorporate the certification required pursuant to paragraph
173	(1) of this subsection into the Mayor's annual submission of the District's multiyear budget and
174	financial plan to the Council, which shall reflect any paid-leave benefit expansions or employer
175	contribution rate reduction required pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, as certified
176	pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.
177	"(3) A paid-leave benefit expansion or employer contribution rate reduction set
178	forth in subsection (c) of this section shall apply as of October 1 of the year in which the paid-
179	leave benefit expansion or employer contribution rate reduction will not cause the projected fund
180	balance of the Universal Paid Leave Fund to fall below the equivalent of 9 months of benefits at
181	the expanded tier, as certified pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.
182	"(c)(1) Paid-leave benefits shall be expanded in the following order:
183	"(A) Extend the maximum duration of qualifying pre-natal leave by one or
184	more workweeks, until the maximum duration of qualifying pre-natal leave equals 2 workweeks;
185	"(B) Extend the maximum duration of qualifying medical leave by one or
186	more workweeks, until the maximum duration of qualifying medical leave equals 6 workweeks;
187	"(C) Extend the maximum duration of qualifying parental leave by one or
188	more workweeks, until the maximum duration of qualifying parental leave equals 10 workweeks;
189	"(D) Extend the maximum duration of qualifying medical leave by one or
190	more workweeks, until the maximum duration of qualifying medical leave equals 8 workweeks;

"(E) Extend the maximum duration of qualifying family leave by one or
more workweeks, until the maximum duration of qualifying family leave equals 8 workweeks;
"(F) Extend the maximum duration of qualifying parental leave by one or
more workweeks, until the maximum duration of qualifying parental leave equals 12 workweeks;
"(G) Extend the maximum duration of qualifying medical leave by one or
more workweeks, until the maximum duration of qualifying medical leave equals 10 workweeks;
"(H) Extend the maximum duration of qualifying family leave by one or
more workweeks, until the maximum duration of qualifying family leave equals 10 workweeks;
"(I) Extend the maximum duration of qualifying medical leave by one or
more workweeks, until the maximum duration of qualifying medical leave equals 12 workweeks;
"(J) Extend the maximum duration of qualifying family leave by one or
more workweeks, until the maximum duration of qualifying family leave equals 12 workweeks;
"(2)(A) By July 1 of the first fiscal year in which all paid-leave benefit expansions
set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection have been implemented, and annually thereafter, the
CFO shall compute the special contribution rate described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.
If the special contribution rate is less than 0.62%, the employer contribution rate for the next
fiscal year shall equal the special contribution rate. If the special contribution rate is greater than
or equal to 0.62% , then the employer contribution rate for the next fiscal year shall be 0.62% .
"(B) The special contribution rate shall be the uniform percentage of
covered employees' wages that covered employers must contribute to the Universal Paid Leave
Fund, rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of 1%, so that the projected balance of the Universal
Paid Leave Fund equals the sum of:

213	"(i) The projected costs for the next fiscal year of all benefits and
214	administrative expenses authorized by this act; and
215	"(ii) The amount, if any, that the CFO determines necessary to
216	restore the projected balance of the Universal Paid Leave Fund to the equivalent of 9 months of
217	benefits.
218	"(d) Before implementation of any paid-leave benefit expansion or employer contribution
219	rate reduction pursuant to this section, the Mayor shall prescribe and provide to covered
220	employers an update to the notice required under section 106(i). The Mayor may conduct a
221	public-education campaign to inform individuals of expanded benefits. Costs of the notice and
222	campaign authorized under this subsection shall be payable pursuant to section 1153(c)(1) of the
223	Universal Paid Leave Implementation Fund Act of 2016, effective December 3, 2020 (D.C. Law
224	23-149; D.C. Official Code § 32–551.02(c)(1)), from the Universal Paid Leave Administration
225	Fund.".
226	(f) Section 106(j)(1) (D.C. Official Code § 32–541.06(j)(1)) is amended by striking the
227	final sentence.
228	(g) Section 107(e) (D.C. Official Code § 32-541.07(e)) is amended by striking the period
229	and inserting the phrase "; provided, that the Mayor shall not deny paid-leave benefits authorized
230	under this act to an otherwise eligible individual solely on basis of the fact that the individual is
231	not employed at the time of applying for benefits." in its place.
232	Sec. 4063. The Universal Paid Leave Implementation Fund Act of 2016, effective
233	October 8, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-160; D.C. Official Code § 32-551.01 et seq.), is amended as
234	follows:
235	(a) Section 1152 (D.C. Official Code Sec. § 32-551.01) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (1) is amended to read as follo
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"(1)(1) As of December 31, 2021, and as of the last day of each quarter thereafter until full implementation of the paid-leave benefit expansions and employer contribution rate reduction set forth in section 104a(c) of the Act, the Chief Financial Officer shall compare its estimated costs of each type of paid-leave benefit with the actual cost of such leave during the most recently completed calendar quarter. If, on the basis of such comparison, the estimated cost of any type of paid-leave benefit was 3 or more times greater than the actual cost of such leave, then the Chief Financial Officer shall promptly deliver a letter to the Council disclosing the extent to which costs were overestimated and determining whether funds are sufficient to immediately implement all or any portion of the paid-leave benefit expansions and the employer contribution rate reduction in the order set forth in section 104a(c) of the Act.

"(2) By September 30 of each year following full implementation of the paid-leave benefit expansions and the employer contribution rate reduction set forth in section 104a(c) of the Act, the Chief Financial Officer shall review the status of the Fund and compare that status against the projections in that fiscal year's budget and financial plan. If the Fund is running an annual surplus, the Chief Financial Officer shall issue a report to the Mayor and the Council that outlines options for bringing the Fund's annual revenues and expenditures into balance, including a reduction in the employer contribution rate and changes to benefits under the paid-leave program established pursuant to the Act.".

- (2) A new subsection (n) is added to read as follows:
- "(n) The cost of the benefits authorized under the Act shall be payable solely from the Fund. Nothing contained in the Act or this act shall be construed to create an obligation on the part of the District to pay benefits from any source other than the Fund.".

259	(b) Section 1153(c)(1) (D.C. Official Code Sec. § 32-551.02(c)(1)) is amended by
260	striking the phrase "and of those public education funds, at least \$500,000 shall be used to fund
261	the Workplace Leave Navigators Program established pursuant to section 2093 of the Workplace
262	Leave Navigators Program Establishment Amendment Act of 2020, passed on 2nd reading on
263	July 28, 2020 (Enrolled version of Bill 23-760)".
264	Sec. 4064. The District of Columbia Family and Medical Leave Act of 1990, effective
265	October 3, 1990 (D.C. Law 8-181; D.C. Official Code § 32-501(1)(A)), is amended as follows:
266	(a) Section 2(1)(A) (D.C. Official Code § 32-501(1)(A)) is amended to read as follows:
267	"(A) For leave provided under sections 3 or 4, an individual who has:
268	"(i) Been employed by the same employer for at least 12
269	consecutive or non-consecutive months, inclusive of holiday, sick, or personal leave granted by
270	the employer as part of its regular benefits whether such leave was paid or unpaid, in the 7 years
271	immediately preceding the date on which the period of family or medical leave is to commence;
272	and
273	"(ii) Worked at least 1,000 hours for the employer during the 12-
274	month period referenced in sub-subparagraph (i) of this paragraph preceding the date on which
275	the period of family or medical leave is to commence.".
276	(b) Section 11(b) (D.C. Official Code § 32-510(b)) is amended by striking the period and
277	inserting the phrase ", except that this limitations period shall toll while a claim is pending
278	administrative review under section 10(b)." in its place.
279	Sec. 4065. The Workplace Leave Navigators Program Establishment Amendment Act of
280	2020, effective Dec. 3, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-149; D.C. Official Code § 32-561.01 et seq.), is
281	repealed.

282	SUBTITLE XX. PAYMENTS FOR DELAYED UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS
283	Sec. XXX. Short title.
284	This subtitle may be cited as the "Delayed Unemployment Compensation Payments
285	Relief Amendment Act of 2021".
286	Sec. XXX. Section 7 of the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act,
287	approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 949; D.C. Official Code § 51-107), is amended by adding a
288	new subsection (j) to read as follows:
289	"(j)(1) No later than December 31, 2021, the Director shall issue a \$1,500 payment to
290	each of the 10,000 claimants with the greatest number of days between the date the claimant
291	filed the claimant's initial claim for benefits and the date the Director first issued payment on the
292	claim.
293	"(2) To receive the payment authorized in paragraph (1) of this subsection:
294	"(A) A claimant's initial claim must have been approved between June 1,
295	2020, and July 1, 2021;
296	"(B) There must be at least 60 days between the claimant's initial claim
297	filing and issuance of the first payment to the claimant; and
298	"(C) A claimant must be a District resident.
299	"(3) The Director shall not require claimants to provide additional documentation
300	or an application to receive the payment authorized in paragraph (1) of this subsection.".
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302	SUBTITLE XX. IT COMMUNITY TRAINING AND ADVISORY BOARD
303	ESTABLISHMENT
304	Sec. 1XX1. Short title.
305	This subtitle may be cited as the "IT Community Training and Advisory Board
306	Establishment Act of 2021".
307	Sec. 1XX2. Definitions.
308	For the purposes of this subtitle:
309	(1) "Community training provider" means an entity in the District that has
310	received an IT training grant awarded pursuant to section 1xx7.
311	(2) "Dual-enrollment" means enrollment at both a WIC-approved community-
312	based IT training program and UDC-CC or WDLL.
313	(3) "IT" means information technology.
314	(4) "IT Board" means the Information Technology Occupational Advisory Board.
315	(5) "IT training" means occupational skills training that leads to an industry-
316	recognized credential for IT jobs in any sector.
317	(6) "Program" means the Information Technology Investment Program
318	established pursuant to section 1xx3 of this subtitle.
319	(7) "Program participant" means a District resident who is enrolled in Program
320	training and receiving Program assistance authorized pursuant to section 1xx3.
321	(8) "Program training" means any of the following, collectively or independently,
322	as determined by context:
323	"(A) Credit-bearing courses at UDC-CC that may be applied toward a
324	UDC-CC degree;

325	"(B) WDLL courses; or
326	"(C) IT training through a community training provider.
327	(9) "Program training providers" means UDC-CC and WDLL, to the extent those
328	entities are engaged in providing Program training, and community training providers.
329	(10) "Public health emergency" means the Coronavirus (COVID-19) public
330	health emergency declared pursuant to Mayor's Order 2020-045, on March 11, 2020, and all
331	subsequent extensions.
332	(11) "Satisfactory academic progress" means maintaining an academic standing
333	consistent with the requirements for program completion, as determined by the Program training
334	provider.
335	(12) "UDC" means the University of the District of Columbia.
336	(13) "UDC-CC" means the UDC Community College.
337	(14) "UDC-CC degree" means the Associate in Applied Science in Computer
338	Science Technology degree offered through the UDC-CC.
339	(15) "WDLL" means the UDC-CC Division of Workforce Development and
340	Lifelong Learning.
341	(16) "WDLL courses" means Information Technology and Office Administration
342	Career Pathway courses offered through the WDLL.
343	(17) "WIC" means the Workforce Investment Council, established pursuant to
344	section 4 of the Workforce Investment Implementation Act of 2000, effective July 18, 2000
345	(D.C. Law 12-150; D.C. Official Code § 32-1603).
346	(18) "WIOA" means the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,
347	approved July 22, 2014 (128 Stat. 1425; 29 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq.).

348	Sec. 1XX3. Establishment of the Information Technology Investment Program.
349	(a) The WIC, in collaboration with UDC, the University of the District of Columbia
350	Foundation, Inc., and community training providers, shall establish the Information Technology
351	Investment Program to provide financial assistance to District residents who seek to obtain IT
352	occupational credentials through Program training and to support District residents in obtaining
353	IT jobs. The WIC shall be responsible for providing funding for the Program consistent with the
354	memoranda of understanding required pursuant to section 1XX6 and the IT training grants
355	authorized pursuant to section 1XX7.
356	(b) The Program shall provide industry-informed, up-to-date IT training and certification
357	at no cost to eligible District residents, who, under the Program, may receive the following
358	financial assistance to pursue Program training:
359	(1) Payment of tuition, to the extent charged;
360	(2) Payment of academic costs, including the costs of books, supplies, and
361	membership fees; and
362	(3) A monthly stipend to be used toward living expenses and transportation for
363	participants pursuing WDLL courses or IT training through community training providers.
364	(c) Program training shall be offered at the UDC-CC campus and any WDLL satellite
365	locations and at community training provider sites located in the District, as approved by the
366	WIC.
367	(d) Program marketing and public education shall be provided by UDC-CC, WDLL, and
368	community training providers to attract District residents to the Program and for the duration of
369	the Program.
370	Sec. 1XX4. Conditions of Program eligibility.

371	(a) To be eligible for Program assistance to pursue a UDC-CC degree, an individual
372	shall:
373	(1) Meet the relevant enrollment requirements for a UDC-CC degree;
374	(2) Be a resident of the District;
375	(3) Have a stated interest in working in IT occupations;
376	(4) Have not already completed an associate degree in IT or a bachelor's degree at
377	an institution of higher education; and
378	(5)(A) Have experienced unemployment or significant loss of income due to the
379	public health emergency; or
380 381	(B) Have multiple barriers to employment, as determined by the WIC.
382	(b) To be eligible for Program assistance to pursue WDLL courses, an individual shall:
383	(1) Meet the eligibility criteria established pursuant to subsection (a)(2), (3), (4),
384	and (5) of this section; and
385	(2) Meet the enrollment requirements for WDLL courses.
386	(c) To be eligible for Program assistance to pursue IT training through a community
387	training provider, an individual shall:
388	(1) Meet the eligibility criteria established pursuant to subsection (a)(2), (3), (4),
389	and (5) of this section; and
390	(2) Meet the enrollment requirements of the community training provider.
391	(d) Program training providers shall select Program participants according to the terms of
392	the applicable memorandum of understanding or grant agreement with the WIC.
393	Sec. 1XX5. Program participation.
394	(a) To maintain eligibility for Program assistance, an individual shall:

395	(1) Maintain satisfactory academic progress;
396	(2) Be a resident of the District throughout enrollment in Program training; and
397	(3) Meet any other requirements determined by the WIC to be necessary or
398	appropriate for Program participation.
399	(b)(1) In exchange for Program assistance, a Program participant shall agree to endeavor
400	to remain a District residents for 6 months for each Program training course the participant
401	completes.
402	(2) The WIC shall establish requirements and procedures to administer this
403	subsection.
404	Sec. 1XX6. Memoranda of Understanding.
405	(a)(1) No later than November 1, 2021, and by November 1 annually thereafter, the WIC
406	shall execute Memoranda of Understanding ("MOUs") with UDC and the University of the
407	District of Columbia Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation") for the purpose of implementing the
408	Program through UDC-CC, including WDLL, and authorizing the intradistrict transfer of funds
409	in accordance with the terms of this subsection.
410	(2) The MOU with UDC shall, among other things, include funding from the WIC
411	to support the following purposes in amounts to be determined by the parties:
412	(A) Tuition, required fees, equipment, supplies, tools, and memberships
413	for Program participants who are full-time or part-time students enrolled at UDC-CC to obtain a
414	UDC-CC degree;
415	(B) Required academic fees, equipment, supplies, tools, and membership
416	fees for Program participants who are students enrolled in WDLL courses, and the salaries and
417	fringe benefits of faculty and staff directly engaged in the provision of such courses;

418	(C) Reasonable costs of facilities and equipment upgrades
419	necessary to provide Program training offered through UDC-CC, including
420	WDLL;
421	(D) Marketing and recruitment activities to attract District
422	residents to the Program; and
423	(E) Development of dual enrollment guidance and policies for the
424	expansion of dual-enrollment programs.
425	(3) The MOU with the Foundation shall, among other things, include funding
426	from the WIC to provide Program participants enrolled in WDLL courses monthly stipends to
427	defray living expenses in amounts to be determined by the parties, and may include amounts for
428	the following:
429	(A) Fees associated with occupational licensing exams;
430	(B) Reasonable transportation costs to and from classes; and
431	(C) Any other expenses deemed appropriate by the WIC.
432	Sec. 1XX7. Establishment of IT training grants.
433	(a) Pursuant to section 4(c) of the Workforce Investment Implementation Act of 2000,
434	effective July 18, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-150; D.C. Official Code § 32-1603(c)), no later than
435	January 31, 2022, and by November 1 annually thereafter, the WIC shall issue IT training grants
436	("grants") to eligible providers of IT training in the District.
437	(b) Grant recipients shall use funds received pursuant to this section to support the
438	salaries and fringe benefits of faculty and staff engaged in the provision of IT training and to
439	provide Program participants the financial assistance outlined in section 1XX3(b).

440	(c) Subject to availability of funds, the WIC shall award grants totaling not less than
441	\$1,875,000 per year with the option of one additional year based on performance results from
442	previous years.
443	(d) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant shall:
444	(1) Be licensed by the Higher Education Licensure Commission as a
445	postsecondary institution, degree or non-degree seeking.
446	(2) Demonstrate that its IT training participants consistently and successfully
447	attain the following benchmarks:
448	(A) Completion of IT training;
449	(B) Attainment of an IT occupational credential;
450	(C) Obtainment of unsubsidized employment in an IT occupation; and
451	(D) Retention of employment in an IT occupation for 6 months or longer.
452	(d) The WIC may give preference to grant applicants utilizing integrated education and
453	training, as defined by 34 C.F.R. § 463.35.
454	Sec. 1XX8. Program performance and reporting.
455	(a) At the termination of each semester, UDC shall furnish to the WIC a statement of:
456	(1) The disaggregated number of Program participants by course who, during that
457	semester, participated in one or more Program training courses;
458	(2) The total number of Program training course enrollments attributable to the
459	Program participants identified pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection;
460	(3) The disaggregated number of Program participants included in the response to
461	paragraph (1) of this subsection who successfully completed each Program training course, who

462	dropped out, or who otherwise did not complete a Program training course in which the Program
463	participant had enrolled;
464	(4) The disaggregated number, by occupational credential, of Program
465	participants who successfully secured an IT occupational credential; and
466	(5) The total number of Program participants who successfully secured
467	employment in an IT occupation and the average starting wage.
468	(b) At the end of each fiscal year, the Foundation shall furnish to the WIC a written
469	accounting, for the previous year, of monthly stipends dispersed, the number of Program
470	participants who received monthly stipends, the average amount of stipend per Program
471	participant, and the approved purposes for the monthly stipends.
472	(c) At the middle and end of each grant award cycle, a community training provider shall
473	furnish to the WIC a report on the number of Program participants achieving the targets
474	identified by the IT Advisory Report outlined in section 1X11(a)(4).
475	(d) The WIC shall:
476	(1) Use common performance measures outlined in section 116 of WIOA (128
477	Stat. 1471; 29 U.S.C. § 3142), to track the performance of Program training providers; and
478	(2) Report on the performance of the Program as required by section 102 of the
479	Workforce Development System Transparency Amendment Act of 2018, effective May 5, 2018
480	(D.C. Law 22-95; D.C. Official Code § 32-1622).
481	(e) Beginning no later than September 30, 2022, and by September 30 annually
482	thereafter, the WIC shall furnish to the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia copies
483	of the IT Advisory Report issued pursuant to section 1X11 and a report, which shall include;

484	(1) Reporting on the attainment of the target performance outcomes established
485	pursuant to section 1X11(a)(4);
486	(2) A narrative analysis on the effectiveness of the Program at increasing the
487	number of District residents in IT occupations; and
488	(3) Recommendations on the expansion or extension of the Program beyond the
489	terms of this subtitle, including any additional budgetary needs.
490	Sec. 1XX9. Program funding.
491	The WIC shall make best efforts to use federal WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated
492	Worker funds to supplement funds appropriated for the purposes of implementing this subtitle.
493	Sec. 1X10. Establishment of the Information Technology Occupational Advisory Board.
494	(a) The WIC shall establish an Information Technology Occupational Advisory Board,
495	which shall work to advise UDC-CC, WDLL, and community training providers on their IT
496	training courses to ensure a high quality of training, to maximize the employability of graduates
497	of IT training course offerings, and to meet the IT staffing needs of employers in the District.
498	(b) After researching and analyzing existing IT occupational advisory boards in the
499	District and the metropolitan region, the WIC shall determine the structure and membership of
500	its IT Board. The WIC may use a third-party to conduct the research and analysis and to make
501	recommendations on the structure and membership of the IT Board.
502	(c) No later than March 1, 2022, the WIC's Executive Director shall provide to the WIC a
503	recommendation on an IT Board structure, membership composition, membership selection
504	process, and board duties.
505	(d) The WIC shall approve, deny, or amend the recommendation described in subsection
506	(c) of this section by vote.

507	(e) The first meeting of the WIC-approved IT Board shall occur no later than July
508	1, 2022.
509	Sec. 1X11. IT Advisory Report.
510	No later than September 30, 2022, the WIC shall submit to the Mayor, Council, UDC-
511	CC, WDLL, and community training providers, an IT Advisory Report, which shall contain the
512	following:
513	(a) The number of District residents needed to meet hiring demands of District employers
514	hiring for IT occupation jobs;
515	(b) The occupational credentials less than a bachelor's degree needed for District
516	residents to be eligible for employment in IT occupations;
517	(c) The necessary hard and soft skills needed to succeed in IT occupations;
518	(d) Target performance outcomes for Program training providers to achieve pertaining to
519	recruitment, enrollment, course or degree completion, credential attainment, employment,
520	average starting wage, and retention of employment at 6 months and one year; and
521	(e) Recommendations for Program training providers on the following:
522	(1) New or additional IT courses that Program training providers should offer;
523	(2) Existing IT course offerings that Program training providers should expand;
524	(3) IT course content adjustments that could be made to align courses with skills
525	needed on the job in IT occupations;
526	(4) Equipment and facilities upgrades necessary for relevant IT education and IT
527	training to achieve the recommendations in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph;
528	and
529	(5) Any other information deemed appropriate by the IT Board.

530	Sec. 1X12. Applicability.
531	This subtitle shall expire on September 30, 2024.
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534	Subtitle. XX. NURSE EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT
535	Sec. 1XX1. Short title.
536	This subtitle may be cited as the "DC Nurse Education Enhancement Program
537	Amendment Act of 2021".
538	Sec. 1XX2. Definitions.
539	For the purposes of this subtitle:
540	(1) "BON" means the Board of Nursing established pursuant section 204 of the
541	District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C.
542	Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.04).
543	(2) "CNA" means a Certified Nursing Aide.
544	(3) "Community training provider" means an entity that has been approved by the
545	BON to provide training to individuals to attain certification as a CNA, HHA, or MA-C.
546	(4) "Direct care worker" means an individual who is certified as a CNA, HHA, or
547	MA-C.
548	(5) "Direct care worker training grant" means a grants issued pursuant to section
549	1xx7.
550	(6) "Direct care worker training grantee" means a community training provider
551	that has received a direct care worker training grant.
552	(7) "Dual-enrollment" means enrollment in both a BON-approved training
553	program and the University.
554	(8) "Healthcare Workforce Partnership" means the entity established pursuant to
555	section 2075 of the Healthcare Workforce Partnership Act of 2020, effective December 3, 2020
556	(D.C. Law 23-149; D.C. Official Code § 32-1684).

557	(9) "HHA" means Home Health Aide.
558	(10) "LPN to AASN degree" means a Licensed Practical Nurse to Associate in
559	Applied Science in Nursing degree.
560	(11) "MA-C" means Medication Aide Certified.
561	(12) "Nursing care occupation" means an occupation that requires a worker to be
562	certified as a CNA, HHA, MA-C, LPN, or RN.
563	(13) "Program" means the DC Nurse Education Enhancement Program
564	established pursuant to this subtitle.
565	(14) "Program participant" means a District resident who is enrolled in Program
566	training and receiving Program assistance authorized pursuant to section 1xx3.
567	(15) "Program training" means any of the following, collectively or
568	independently, as determined by context:
569	"(A) Credit-bearing courses at UDC that may be applied toward an RN to
570	BSN degree;
571	"(B) Credit-bearing courses at UDC-CC that may be applied toward an
572	LPN to AASN degree;
573	"(C) WDLL courses; or
574	"(D) Training to obtain a certification as a CNA, HHA, or MA-C, or a
575	CNA to HHA bridge program, through a community training provider.
576	(16) "RN to BSN degree" means a Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in
577	Nursing degree.

578	(17) "Satisfactory academic progress" means maintaining an academic standing
579	consistent with the requirements for program completion, as determined by the Program training
580	provider.
581	(18) "UDC" means the University of the District of Columbia.
582	(19) "UDC-CC" means the University of the District of Columbia Community
583	College.
584	(20) "University" means, collectively, UDC, UDC-CC, and WDLL.
585	(21) "WDLL" means the UDC-CC Division of Workforce Development and
586	Lifelong Learning.
587	(22) "WDLL courses" means courses offered through WDLL's Healthcare Direct
588	Career Pathway Nursing Assistant program.
589	(23) "WIC" means the Workforce Investment Council, established pursuant to
590	section 4 of the Workforce Investment Implementation Act of 2000, effective July 18, 2000
591	(D.C. Law 12-150; D.C. Official Code § 32-1603).
592	(24) "WIOA" means the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,
593	approved July 22, 2014 (128 Stat. 1425; 29 U.S.C § 3101 et seq.).
594	Sec. 1XX3. Establishment of the Nurse Education Enhancement Program.
595	(a) The WIC shall establish, in collaboration with the University, the University of the
596	District of Columbia Foundation, Inc., and direct care worker training grantees, the DC Nurse
597	Education Enhancement Program for the purpose of training District residents to obtain an
598	occupational credential and employment in nursing care occupations. The WIC shall be
599	responsible for providing funding for the Program consistent with the memoranda of

600	understanding executed pursuant to section 1XX6 and the direct care worker training grants
601	authorized pursuant to section 1XX7.
602	(b) The Program shall provide industry-informed, BON-approved training that leads to
603	certifications required for nursing care occupations at no cost to eligible District residents, who,
604	under the Program, may receive the following financial assistance to pursue Program training:
605	(1) Payment of tuition, to the extent charged;
606	(2) Payment of academic costs, including books, supplies, and membership fees;
607	and
608	(3) A monthly stipend to be used toward living expenses and transportation for
609	Program participants pursuing WDLL courses or certification as a CNA, HHA, MA-C, or a CNA
610	to HHA bridge program, through a direct care worker training grantee.
611	(c) Program training shall be offered at the University's campuses and satellite locations
612	and at community training provider sites located in the District.
613	(d) Program training shall be approved by the BON.
614	(e) Program marketing and public education shall be provided by the University and
615	community training providers to attract residents to the Program and for the duration of the
616	Program.
617	(f) The University shall review the recommendations and implement relevant sections of
618	the Healthcare Occupations Report developed by the Healthcare Workforce Partnership pursuant
619	to section 2175(e) of the Healthcare Workforce Partnership Act of 2020, effective December 3,
620	2020 (D.C. Law 23-149; D.C. Official Code §32-1684(e)), to maintain and enhance course
621	offerings to meet the workforce needs of nursing care occupations in the District.
622	Sec. 1XX4. Conditions of Program eligibility.

623	(a) To be eligible for Program assistance while pursuing an RN to BSN degree through
624	UDC, an individual shall:
625	(1) Have met the enrollment requirements of UDC;
626	(2) Be a resident of the District;
627	(3) Have a stated interest in employment in a nursing care occupation;
628	(4) Have not already completed a bachelor's degree at an institution of higher
629	education;
630	(5) Have previously obtained a credential as a CNA, HHA, or LPN; and
631	(6) Have been employed in the District for a minimum of 2 years as a CNA,
632	HHA, or LPN with a healthcare employer.
633	(b) To be eligible for Program assistance while pursuing an LPN to AASN degree
634	through UDC-CC, an individual shall:
635	(1) Meet the conditions outlined in subsection (a)(2), (3), and (4) of this section;
636	(2) Meet the enrollment requirements of UDC-CC;
637	(3) Have previously obtained a credential as a CNA, HHA, or MA-C; and
638	(4) Have been employed in the District for a minimum of 2 years as a CNA,
639	HHA, or MA-C with a healthcare employer.
640	(c) To be eligible for Program assistance while pursuing certification as a CNA through
641	WDLL, an individual shall:
642	(1) Meet the conditions outlined in subsection (a)(2), (3), and (4) of this section;
643	and
644	(2) Meet the enrollment requirements of WDLL;

645	(d) To be eligible for Program assistance while pursuing a certification as a CNA, HHA,
646	MA-C, or while pursuing a CNA to HHA bridge program, through a direct care worker training
647	grantee, an individual shall:
648	(1) Meet the conditions outlined in subsection (a)(2), (3), and (4) of this section;
649	and;
650	(2) Meet the enrollment requirements of the community training provider.
651	(e) The University and direct care worker training grantees shall select Program
652	participants according to the terms of the applicable memorandum of understanding or grant
653	agreement with the WIC.
654	Sec. 1XX5. Program participation.
655	(a) To maintain eligibility for Program assistance, an individual shall:
656	(1) Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the University or
657	the direct care worker training grantee;
658	(2) Be a resident of the District throughout participation in Program training; and
659	(3) Meet any other requirements determined by the WIC to be necessary or
660	appropriate.
661	(b)(1) In exchange for Program assistance, a Program participant shall agree to endeavor
662	to remain a District resident for 6 months for each Program training course the participant
663	completes.
664	(2) The WIC shall establish requirements and procedures to implement this
665	subsection.
666	Sec. 1XX6. Memoranda of Understanding.

667	(a)(1) No later than November 1, 2021, and by November 1 annually thereafter, the WIC
668	shall execute Memoranda of Understanding ("MOUs") with the University and the University of
669	the District of Columbia Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation") for the purpose of implementing the
670	Program at the University and authorizing the intradistrict transfer of funds in accordance with
671	the terms of this subsection.
672	(2) The MOU with the University shall, among other things, include funding from
673	the WIC to support the following purposes in amounts to be determined by the parties:
674	(A) Tuition, required fees, equipment, supplies, tools, and memberships
675	for Program participants who are full-time or part-time students at UDC and UDC-CC seeking to
676	obtain an RN to BSN degree or an LPN to AASN degree;
677	(B) Required academic fees, equipment, supplies, tools, certification exam
678	preparation fees, and memberships for Program participants who are students enrolled in WDLL
679	courses, and the salaries and fringe benefits of faculty and staff directly engaged in the provision
680	of such courses;
681	(C) Reasonable costs of facilities and equipment upgrades necessary for
682	providing Program training through UDC-CC, including WDLL;
683	(D) Marketing and recruitment activities to attract District residents to the
684	Program; and
685	(E) Development of dual enrollment guidance and policy for the
686	expansion of dual-enrollment programs.
687	(3) The MOU with the Foundation shall, among other things, include funding
688	from the WIC to provide Program participants enrolled in WDLL courses monthly stipends to

689	defray living expenses in amounts to be determined by the parties, and may include amounts for
690	the following:
691	(A) Fees associated with occupational licensing exams;
692	(B) Reasonable transportation costs to and from classes; and
693	(C) Any other expenses deemed appropriate by the WIC.
694	Sec. 1XX7. Establishment of direct care worker training grants.
695	(a) Pursuant to section 4(c) of the Workforce Investment Implementation Act of 2000,
696	effective July 18, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-150; D.C. Official Code § 32-1603(c)), no later than
697	January 31, 2022, and by November 1 annually thereafter, the WIC shall issue direct care worker
698	training grants ("grants") to community training providers according to this section.
699	(b) Grant recipients shall use funds received pursuant to this section to support the
700	salaries and fringe benefits of faculty and staff engaged in training Program participants to
701	become direct care workers and to provide Program participants the financial assistance outlined
702	in section 1XX3(b).
703	(c) Subject to availability of funds, the WIC shall award grants totaling not less than
704	\$900,000 per year with the option of 2 additional years based on performance results from
705	previous years.
706	(d) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant shall:
707	(1) Be located in the District;
708	(2) Be a community training provider; and
709	(3) Demonstrate that its training participants consistently and successfully attain
710	the following benchmarks:
711	(A) Completion of direct care worker training;

/12	(B) Direct care worker credential attainment;
713	(C) Obtainment of unsubsidized employment as a direct care worker in the
714	occupation of training; and
715	(D) Retention of employment as a direct care worker in the occupation of
716	training for 6 months or longer.
717	(e) The WIC may give preference to grant applicants utilizing integrated education and
718	training, as defined by 34 C.F.R. § 463.35.
719	Section 1XX8. Program performance and reporting.
720	(a) At the termination of each semester, the University shall furnish to the WIC a
721	statement of:
722	(1) The disaggregated number of Program participants by course who, during that
723	semester, participated in each Program course;
724	(2) The total number of Program training course enrollments attributable to the
725	Program participants identified pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection;
726	(3) The disaggregated number of Program participants included in the response to
727	paragraph (1) of this subsection who successfully completed each Program training course, who
728	dropped out, or who otherwise did not complete the Program training course in which the
729	program participant had enrolled;
730	(4) The disaggregated number, by occupational credential, of Program
731	participants who successfully secured a nursing care occupation credential; and
732	(5) The total number of Program participants who successfully secured
733	employment in a nursing care occupation and average starting wage.

734	(b) At the end of each fiscal year, the Foundation shall furnish to the WIC a written
735	accounting, for the previous year, of the monthly stipends dispersed, number of Program
736	participants who received monthly stipends, average amount of stipend per Program participant,
737	and the approved purposes for the monthly stipends.
738	(c) At the middle and end of the grant award cycle, each direct care worker training
739	grantee shall furnish to the WIC a report on Program participant outcomes pertaining to
740	recruitment, enrollment, completion, credential attainment, employment average starting wage,
741	and retention of employment at 6 months and one year.
742	(d) The WIC shall:
743	(1) Use common performance measures outlined in section 116 of WIOA (128
744	Stat. 1471; 29 U.S.C. § 3142), to track the performance of the Program training providers; and
745	(2) Report on the performance of the Program as required by section 102 of the
746	Workforce Development System Transparency Amendment Act of 2018, effective May 5, 2018
747	(D.C. Law 22-95; D.C. Official Code § 32-1622).
748	(3) No later than September 30, 2022 and by September 30 annually thereafter,
749	furnish a report to the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia, which shall include:
750	(A) The data received pursuant subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section;
751	(B) A narrative analysis on the effectiveness of the Program at increasing
752	the number of District residents in nursing care occupations; and
753	(C) Recommendations on the expansion or extension of the Program
754	beyond the terms of this subtitle, including any additional budgetary needs.
755	Sec. 1XX9. Program funding.

756	The WIC shall make best efforts to use federal WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated
757	Worker funds to supplement funds appropriated for the purposes of implementing this subtitle.
758	Sec. 1X10. The Healthcare Workforce Partnership Act of 2020, effective December 3,
759	2020 (D.C. Law 23-149, D.C. Official Code § 32-1681 et seq.), is amended as follows:
760	(a) Section 2172(c) (D.C. Official Code § 32-1682(c)) is amended as follows:
761	(1) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase "; and" and inserting a
762	semicolon in its place.
763	(2) A new paragraph (2A) is added to read as follows:
764	"(2A) Submit to the Partnership for feedback the proposed statement of work for
765	the direct care worker training grant outlined in section 1XX7 of the DC Nurse Education
766	Enhancement Program Amendment Act of 2021, approved by the Committee of the Whole on
767	July 20, 2021 (Committee print of Bill 24-285); and".
768	(b) Section 2175(b)(3) (D.C. Official Code § 32-1684) is amended as follows:
769	(1) Subparagraph (D) is amended by striking the phrase "; and" and inserting a
770	semicolon in its place.
771	(2) Subparagraph (E) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase ";
772	and" in its place.
773	(3) A new subparagraph (F) is added to read as follows:
774	"(F) At least one representative from an employer of workers who are
775	certified nursing aides, certified home health aides, or medication aide certified, including
776	licensed home health agencies, assisted living residences, adult day health programs, nursing
777	facilities, and long-term direct healthcare providers.".

778	Sec. 1X11. The Nurses Training Corps Establishment Act of 1987, effective October 9,
779	1987 (D.C. Law 7-32, D.C. Official Code § 38-1501 et seq.), is repealed.
780	Sec. 1X12. Applicability.
781	Sections 1xx2 through 1x10 shall expire on September 30, 2024.
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783	SUBTITLE XX. SCHOOL YEAR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
784	Sec. 1XX1. Short title.
785	This subtitle may be cited as the "School Year Internship Program Amendment Act of
786	2021".
787	Sec. 1XX2. Section (a)(2A) of the Youth Employment Act of 1979, effective January 5,
788	1980 (D.C. Law 3-46; D.C. Official Code § 32-242(a)(2A)), is amended as follows:
789	(a) The lead-in language is amended by striking the word "pilot" and inserting the word
790	"program" in its place.
791	(b) Subparagraph (A) is amended to read as follows:
792	"(A) A program called the School Year Internship Program ("Program") for
793	a minimum of 350 District high school students, each year, to provide work-based learning
794	opportunities during the school year.".
795	(c) Subparagraph (C) is amended to read as follows:
796	"(C) DOES shall notify students of their placement with an internship host
797	by January 5, 2022, and September 15 of each subsequent year.".
798	(d) Subparagraph (D) is amended to read as follows:
799	"(D) Interns shall remain matched with their internship host between the
800	first week of October and the last day of May; provided, that for Fiscal Year 2022, internships may
801	begin as late as the second week in January 2022.".
802	(e) Subparagraph (F)(ii) is amended by striking the phrase "December 1, 2020." and
803	inserting the phrase "December 1, 2021, and July 1 of each subsequent year." in its place.
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805	SUBTITLE XX. JOBS FIRST DC PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT
806	Sec. 1XX1. Short title.
807	This subtitle may be cited as the "Jobs First DC Pilot Program Establishment Act of
808	2021".
809	Sec. 1XX2. Definitions.
810	For the purposes of this subtitle:
811	(1) "Digital literacy" means fluency in the use and security of interactive digital tools and
812	searchable networks including the ability to use digital tools safely and effectively for learning,
813	collaborating, and producing.
814	(2) "DOES" means the District Department of Employment Services.
815	(3) "Employment retention support" means activities delivered to participants after
816	securing employment that are aimed at assisting participants in maintaining employment with the
817	same employer.
818	(4) "Grant" means the Program funds authorized to be issued pursuant to section 1XX4.
819	(5) "Grantee" means an organization in receipt of a grant issued pursuant to section
820	1XX4.
821	(6) "Participant" means an individual selected by a grantee, pursuant to section 1XX4, to
822	participate in the Program.
823	(7) "Program" means the Jobs First DC Pilot Program established pursuant to section
824	1XX3.
825	(8) "Supportive services" shall have the same meaning as provided in 20 CFR § 651.10
826	(9) "WIOA" means the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, approved
227	July 22 2014 (128 Stat 1425: 29 H.S.C. 8 3101 et sea.)

828	Sec. 1XX3. Establishment of the Jobs First DC Pilot Program.
829	(a) There is established a Jobs First DC Pilot Program for the purpose of issuing grants to
830	assist in the placement of at least 300 District residents in unsubsidized permanent employment
831	and to fund 12 months of job retention support.
832	(b) The Program shall provide participants the following assistance:
833	(1) Assessment and evaluation of their job history, skills, and education;
834	(2) Information and referral to support services, as defined by 20 CFR § 651.10;
835	(3) Career services described in section 134(c)(2) of WIOA (128 Stat. 1520; 29
836	U.S.C. § 3174(c)(2));
837	(4) Resume development;
838	(5) Employment-readiness skills development;
839	(6) Interview preparation;
840	(7) Job search and application submission;
841	(8) Job referrals as described in 20 CFR § 651.10, to unsubsidized permanent
842	employment opportunities;
843	(9) Job interview follow-up and feedback;
844	(10) Employment orientation paperwork completion;
845	(11) Professional networking coaching; and
846	(12) 12 months of employment retention support.
847	(c) The Program may provide participants the following assistance:
848	(1) Digital literacy skills development;
849	(2) Review of credit scores and creation of a plan to improve a participant's credit
850	score; and

851	(3) Review of criminal history records and creation of a plan to ameliorate the
852	effects of or correct a participant's criminal record.
853	Sec. 1XX4. Establishment of Jobs First DC grants.
854	(a) Beginning no later than November 1, 2021, the DOES shall issue a request for
855	applications for Jobs First DC Pilot Program grants.
856	(b) Beginning no later than December 15, 2021, DOES shall award a minimum of 2
857	grants, each not less than \$250,000 per year for a minimum of 2 years, subject to the availability
858	of funds, to provide job placement and employment retention support for District residents.
859	(c) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant shall:
860	(1) Be located in the District;
861	(2) Be a nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) status, as determined by the
862	Internal Revenue Service;
863	(3) Have demonstrated success providing the employment assistance described in
864	section 1xx3(b) to individuals with the characteristics described in section 1XX5(a)(4), as
865	evidenced by a minimum of a 65% employment placement rate; and
866	(4) Have demonstrated success providing employment support to individuals for
867	up to 12 months, as evidenced by a minimum of a 70% employment retention rate.
868	(d) DOES may give preference to applicants that have partnerships with:
869	(1) Organizations that provide criminal and credit record review and recovery
870	support; or
871	(2) Financial institutions to establish individual development accounts ("IDAs")
872	for employed participants, in which the progressive employment retention bonuses outlined in

873	subsection (c) of this section and other savings can be deposited and matched to help participants
874	build assets and achieve financial stability.
875	(d) Grantees shall:
876	(1) Select Program participants according to the criteria outlined in section 1XX5.
877	(2) Provide participants the services outlined in section 1XX3(b); and
878	(3) Provide progressive employment retention bonuses totaling up to \$500 for
879	each participant who meets the following milestones:
880	(A) At 180 days of employment, a participant shall receive \$250; and
881	(B) At 365 days of employment, a participant shall receive \$250;
882	(4) Receive a training outcomes bonus totaling up to \$500 for each participant
883	who meets the following milestones:
884	(A) For each participant that remains employed for 180 days, a grantee
885	shall receive \$250; and
886	(B) For each participant that remains employed for 365 days, a grantee
887	shall receive \$250.
888	(e) Grantees may establish and facilitate a participant alumni group for the purpose of
889	providing participants access to education and training opportunities and to promote professional
890	advancement.
891	Sec. 1XX5. Participant conditions of eligibility.
892	(a) To be eligible to participate in the Program, an individual shall:
893	(1) Be a resident of the District;
894	(2) Be unemployed at the time of application to the Program;

895	(3) Be able to engage in regular, full-time employment, as assessed by the
896	grantee; and
897	(4) Have one or more of the following barriers to employment:
898	(A) Lack of consistent work history;
899	(B) History of a criminal record;
900	(C) History of substance abuse;
901	(D) History of mental illness; or
902	(E) Housing insecurity.
903	Sec. 1XX8. Reporting.
904	(a) Every 6 months, starting from receipt of a grant, a grantee shall furnish to DOES a
905	report on the following outcomes from the previous 6 months:
906	(1) The total number of participants placed in employment;
907	(2) The average starting wage for participants;
908	(3) The average number of days from official enrollment in the Program to
909	employment start date;
910	(4) The total number of participants achieving each progressive employment
911	milestone outlined in section 1XX4(d)(3) and the average participant wage at each milestone;
912	(5) The total sum of progressive employment retention bonuses issued to
913	participants; and
914	(6) The total sum of training outcomes bonuses issued to grantees.
915	(b) Beginning no later than December 15, 2022, and by December 15 annually thereafter,
916	DOES shall furnish a report to the Mayor and the Council containing the grantee performance
917	outcomes reported pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

918	SUBTITLE X. HEROES PAY
919	Sec. 1XX1. Short title.
920	This subtitle may be cited as the "Heroes Pay Act of 2021".
921	Sec. 1XX2. Definitions.
922	For the purposes of this subtitle:
923	(1) The following terms shall have the same meaning as provided in the
924	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Department of the Treasury, Interim final
925	rule, 86 Fed. Reg. 26820 (May 17, 2021), or any superseding rule:
926	(A) "COVID-19 public health emergency";
927	(B) "Eligible employer";
928	(C) "Eligible workers";.
929	(D) "Essential work"; and
930	(E) "Premium pay".
931	(2) "Heroes pay" means premium pay.
932	(3) "Program" means the Heroes Pay Grant Program established pursuant to this
933	subtitle.
934	Sec. 1XX3 Heroes Pay Grant Program.
935	(a) There is established a Heroes Pay Grant Program for the purpose of providing heroes
936	pay to eligible workers who performed essential work in the District during the COVID-19
937	public health emergency through grants to their employers, including restaurants, hotels, health
938	care and long-term care facilities, and grocery and retail stores.
939	(b) The Mayor shall administer the Program consistent with the requirements of sections
940	602 and 603 of the Social Security Act, approved March 12, 2021 (134 Stat : 42 IJ S.C. 88

941	802 & 803), and implementing rules, regulations, and guidance issued by the U.S. Department of
942	the Treasury.
943	1xx4. Issuance of grants.
944	(a) The Mayor shall solicit applications from eligible employers in the District who seek
945	to provide heroes pay to eligible workers who earn less than 150% of the District's average
946	annual wage for all occupations, as defined by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
947	Statistics' Division of Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics. The Mayor shall provide
948	at least 30 calendar days during which employers may apply for the grant assistance authorized
949	in this subtitle.
950	(b) Under the Program, eligible employers may receive the following amounts for
951	distribution to eligible workers:
952	(1) \$500 for each eligible worker who performed at least 100 hours of essential
953	work between March 1, 2020, and April 30, 2021, at a rate of \$5 per hour worked; and
954	(2) \$250 for each eligible worker who performed essential work for at least 50
955	hours after May 1, 2021, at a rate of \$5 per hour worked.
956	(c) To receive a grant authorized under this subtitle, an employer shall submit a grant
957	application that:
958	(1) Is in the form prescribed by the Mayor;
959	(2) Contains a heroes pay plan outlining:
960	(A) The total number of eligible workers for whom the employer seeks
961	heroes pay;
962	(B) The number of eligible workers, and amount of funds per worker, that
963	the employer seeks for heroes pay authorized pursuant to subsection (b)(1) of this section;

964	(C) The number of eligible workers, and amount of funds per worker, that
965	the employer seeks for heroes pay provided pursuant to subsection (b)(2) of this section; and
966	(D) For each eligible worker identified in the heroes' pay plan,
967	documentation reflecting the essential work the worker performed, the dates of such work, and
968	information requested by the Mayor related to the worker's wages and compensation;
969	(3) Bears the signature of the employer affirming that the heroes pay provided to
970	an eligible worker will be in addition to any wages or remuneration the eligible worker otherwise
971	received or will receive for the period for which the worker is to receive heroes pay; and
972	(4) Contains any additional information required by the Mayor.
973	(d) If funding sought by eligible employers exceeds funds available for the Program, the
974	Mayor may, notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, award partial grants to eligible
975	employers of no less than 1/2 of the amount sought in the employer's application.
976	(e)(1) Eligible employers who receive grants pursuant to this subtitle shall distribute gran
977	funds to eligible workers according to the employer's heroes pay plan within 2 weeks after the
978	employer receives the grant funds;
979	(2) If an employer receives less than the requested amount under the employer's
980	heroes pay plan, the employer shall distribute grant funds to eligible workers according to its
981	heroes pay plan on a pro rata basis.
982	(3) An eligible employer that receives a grant pursuant to this subtitle shall supply
983	documentation, as prescribed in the Mayor's request for grant applications, demonstrating
984	compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection to the Mayor.

985	(f)(1) The Mayor may issue one or more grants to a third-party grant-managing entity for
986	the purpose of administering the Program and making subgrants on behalf of the Mayor in
987	accordance with the requirements of this subtitle.
988	(2) No more than 8.5% of the total grant funds may be utilized for administration
989	of the Program.
990	(3) A third-party grant-managing entity shall comply with the requirements of
991	sections 602 and 603 of the Social Security Act, approved March 11, 2021 (134 Stat; 42
992	U.S.C. §§ 802 & 803), and implementing rules, regulations, and guidance issued by the U.S.
993	Department of the Treasury.
994	(g) Grants issued to eligible employers and third-party grant-managing entities pursuant
995	to the Program shall be subject to the requirements of the Grant Administration Act of 2013,
996	effective December 24, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.11 et seq.).
997	Sec. 1xx5. Reporting.
998	Within 2 weeks after awarding heroes pay grants to eligible employers, the Mayor and
999	any third-party grant-managing entity shall publish online the names of all employer-grantees,
1000	and, for each employer-grantee, the total award amount and the number of employees receiving
1001	heroes pay.
1002	Sec. 1xx6. Rules.
1003	The Mayor, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act,
1004	approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 et seq.), may issue rules
1005	to implement the provisions of this subtitle.
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1007	SUBTITLE X. WORKPLACE RIGHTS GRANTS PROGRAM
1008	Sec. 1XX1. This subtitle may be cited as "Workplace Rights Grant Program Amendment
1009	Act of 2021".
1010	Sec. XXX2. Subtitle J of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Support Act of 2019, effective
1011	September 11, 2019 (D.C. Law 23-16; D.C. Official Code § 32-171.01 et seq.), is amended to
1012	read as follows:
1013	"SUBTITLE J. WORKPLACE RIGHTS GRANT PROGRAM
1014	"Sec. 2091. This subtitle may be cited as the "Workplace Rights Grant Program
1015	Amendment Act of 2021".
1016	"Sec. 2092. Definitions.
1017	"For the purposes of this subtitle, the term:
1018	"(1) "Activities" means conducting outreach to, providing worker education to, or
1019	providing legal services for eligible individuals related to employment laws.
1020	"(2) "Community-based organization" means a nonprofit organization, including
1021	a legal services provider, headquartered in the District of Columbia whose purpose OAG
1022	determines is aligned with one or more purposes of the Program.
1023	"(3) "Eligible individual" means an individual who works in the District.
1024	"(4) "Employment laws" means workplace leave laws and:
1025	"(A) The Minimum Wage Act Revision Act of 1992, effective March 25,
1026	1993 (D.C. Law 9-248; D.C. Official Code § 32-1001 et seq.);
1027	"(B) An Act To provide for the payment and collection of wages in the
1028	District of Columbia, approved August 3, 1956 (70 Stat. 976; D.C. Official Code § 32-1301 et
1029	sea):

1030	"(C) Title II of An Act To provide for the payment and collection of
1031	wages in the District of Columbia, effective April 27, 2013 (D.C. Law 19-300; D.C. Official
1032	Code § 32-1331.01 et seq.);
1033	"(D) The Workplace Fraud Amendment Act of 2012 (D.C. Law 19-300;
1034	D.C. Official Code §32-1301.01 et seq.);
1035	"(E) The District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act,
1036	approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 946; D.C. Official Code § 51-101 et seq.); and
1037	"(F) Federal laws that relate to or provide similar rights as the laws
1038	identified in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of this paragraph, including the Fair Labor Standards
1039	Act of 1938, approved June 25, 1938 (52 Stat. 1060; 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.), and the Family
1040	and Medical Leave Act of 1993, approved February 5, 1993 (107 Stat. 6; 29 U.S.C. § 2611 et
1041	seq.).
1042	"(5) "Grantee" means a community-based organization in receipt of a Program
1043	grant issued pursuant to section 2093.
1044	"(6) "Legal services" means the provision of legal advice, assistance, or
1045	representation regarding an individual's rights or responsibilities related to a particular matter or
1046	more general matters.
1047	"(7) "Legal services provider" means a nonprofit organization or clinical program
1048	headquartered in the District that provides legal services.
1049	"(8) "Low- or moderate-income eligible individual" means an individual who
1050	works in the District and who earns an hourly wage or salary equivalent to less than 3 times the
1051	District minimum wage or who has a household income that falls at or below 400% of the

1052	rederal poverty guidelines issued by the Offited States Department of Health and Human
1053	Services.
1054	"(9) "OAG" means the Office of the Attorney General for the District of
1055	Columbia.
1056	"(10) "Program" means the Workplace Rights Grant Program established
1057	pursuant to section 2093.
1058	"(11) "Workplace leave laws" means laws that provide for eligible individuals to
1059	take leave from their employment and protect the right to do so, and include the:
1060	"(A) Accrued Sick and Safe Leave Act of 2008, effective May 13, 2008
1061	(D.C. Law 17-152; D.C. Official Code § 32-531.01 et seq.);
1062	"(B) Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2016, effective April 7,
1063	2017 (D.C. Law 21-264; D.C. Official Code § 32-541.01 et seq.);
1064	"(C) District of Columbia Family and Medical Leave Act of 1990,
1065	effective October 3, 1990 (D.C. Law 8-181; D.C. Official Code § 32-501 et seq.); and
1066	"(D) Protecting Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2014, effective March
1067	3, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-168; D.C. Official Code § 32-1231.01 et seq.).
1068	"Sec. 2093 Establishment of Program and issuance of grants.
1069	"(a) There is established the Workplace Rights Grants Program for the purpose of
1070	authorizing OAG to provide grants to community-based organizations to conduct activities with
1071	eligible individuals related to employment laws and to inform the OAG's work related to
1072	employment laws.
1073	"(b) OAG shall administer the Program by:

1074	"(1) Issuing Program grants to community-based organizations to provide
1075	outreach and worker education; outreach and legal services; or a combination of outreach,
1076	worker education, and legal services;
1077	"(2) Awarding Program grants at least annually, which may include the
1078	continuation or renewal of multi-year grants, to at least 2 qualified community-based
1079	organizations;
1080	"(3) Adopting policies, procedures, guidelines, and requirements for the grants,
1081	including performance measures and target outcomes; and
1082	"(4) Issuing all grants pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Grant
1083	Administration Act of 2013, effective December 24, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code
1084	§ 1-328.11 et seq.).
1085	"(c) OAG may:
1086	"(1) Require that at least 95% of the individuals served by a Program grant in a
1087	grant year be low- or moderate-income eligible individuals or reasonably believed to be low- or
1088	moderate-income eligible individuals; and
1089	"(2) Pay grants on a performance basis or a reimbursable basis.
1090	"(d) Program grants shall:
1091	"(1) Have a duration of at least one year and up to 3 years, subject to the
1092	availability of appropriations and contingent on satisfactory performance by a grantee during the
1093	grant's first year or, if applicable, the grant's second year; and
1094	"(2) Be for not less than \$100,000 per year per grant; provided, that OAG shall
1095	annually issue grants totaling at least \$150,000 to be utilized for activities related to workplace
1096	leave laws.

1097	"Sec. 2094. Grantee eligibility requirements.
1098	"(a)(1) To be eligible for a grant authorized under this subtitle, a community-based
1099	organization shall:
1100	"(A) Demonstrate in its application that it is well qualified to engage in the
1101	types of activities which will be funded, in whole or in part, by the grant;
1102	"(B) Specify in its grant application the planned staff, schedule, format,
1103	and intended audience of the activities it plans to provide and provide a summary of the content
1104	of any worker education that will be carried out during the grant period; and
1105	"(C) Include other information as required by OAG.
1106	"(2)(A) In addition to the criteria specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection, to
1107	be eligible for a Program grant, a legal service provider shall demonstrate that it:
1108	"(i) Has as its primary function the provision of free legal services
1109	to individuals; and
1110	"(ii) Employs or will employ at least one attorney licensed to
1111	practice law in the District who possesses at least 3 years' experience representing employees in
1112	matters involving employment laws.
1113	"(B) A legal services provider that does not satisfy the criteria in
1114	subparagraph (A)(ii) of this paragraph may receive a Program grant if OAG determines, based
1115	on the legal service provider's application, that it will provide high quality services.
1116	"(3)(A) In addition to the criteria specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection, to
1117	be eligible for Program grant funds, a community-based organization that is not a legal services
1118	provider shall demonstrate that it possesses at least 3 years' experience:

1119	"(i) Conducting outreach to and establishing working relationships
1120	with significant numbers of eligible individuals; and
1121	"(ii) Working on or assisting workers to secure rights under
1122	employment laws.
1123	"(B) A community-based organization that does not satisfy the criteria in
1124	subparagraph (A)(i) of this paragraph may receive a Program grant if it applies in partnership
1125	with a community-based organization that meets the requirements of both subparagraph (A)(i)
1126	and (ii) of this paragraph.
1127	"Sec. 2095. Grant uses.
1128	"(a) Grantees may conduct activities:
1129	"(1) Regarding a subset of employment laws;
1130	"(2) With workers in a single occupational group; provided, that the grant
1131	application demonstrates that such occupational group experiences significant,
1132	disproportionately high, or persistent violations of employment laws or that the occupational
1133	group requires targeted assistance in order to access programs under employment laws.
1134	"(b)(1) Grantees that provide worker education shall provide, to an eligible individual or
1135	group of eligible individuals, information on the rights and responsibilities of accessing benefits
1136	under, recognizing violations of and learning how to prevent or rectify violations of, or learning
1137	how to assist others to take steps to prevent or rectify violations of employment laws.
1138	"(2) Grantees conducting worker education may provide the following:
1139	"(A) Workshops;
1140	"(B) Peer education;
1141	"(C) Train-the-trainer services;

1142	"(D) Other creative means of worker education that will serve a significant
1143	number of eligible individuals and have a significant impact in meeting the goals of worker
1144	education; and
1145	"(E) In conjunction with one or more worker education activities listed in
1146	subparagraphs (A) or (B) of this subparagraph, distribute flyers, create websites and
1147	advertisements, or engage other forms of mass communication.
1148	"Sec. 2096. Transparency and reporting.
1149	"(a) OAG shall annually collect the following information from grantees:
1150	"(1) The number of eligible individuals served by gender, race, ethnicity, primary
1151	language, and age;
1152	"(2) The number of eligible individuals served by state of residence, and for
1153	District residents, by election ward;
1154	"(3) The occupational groups of eligible individuals served and the number of
1155	individuals served in each occupational group;
1156	"(4) A list of the activities provided, with a descriptive summary of each activity;
1157	"(5) The number of eligible individuals served in relation to each employment law
1158	or set of employment laws;
1159	"(6) Performance outcomes; and
1160	"(7) An evaluation of implementation challenges and recommendations for future
1161	improvements.

1162	"(b) OAG shall annually provide to the Council a report that includes:
1163	"(1) A list of grantees and the amount of grant funding provided to each;
1164	"(2) For each grantee, the information provided to OAG pursuant to subsection
1165	(a) of this section; and
1166	"(3) An overall evaluation of the Program, including implementation challenges
1167	and recommendations for future improvements.
1168	"(c) OAG may not require grantees to release to OAG any personally identifying
1169	information in connection with the preparation or provision of the reports described in this
1170	section.".
1171	Sec. 1XX3. The Attorney General for the District of Columbia Clarification and Elected
1172	Term Amendment Act of 2010, effective May 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-160; D.C. Official Code §
1173	1-301.81 et seq.), is amended as follows:
1174	(a) Section 106b(c)(1)(B) (D.C. Official Code § 1–301.86b(c)(1)(B)) is amended by
1175	striking the phrase "provided in section 108c(a)" and inserting the phrase "provided in sections
1176	108c(a) and 108d(a)" in its place.
1177	(b) A new section 108d is added to read as follows:
1178	"Sec. 108d. Authority to issue grants for workplace rights.
1179	"(a) The Attorney General may issue grants for the purposes authorized pursuant to the
1180	Workplace Rights Grant Program Amendment Act of 2021, approved by the Committee of the
1181	Whole on July 20, 2021 (Committee print of Bill 24-285).
1182	"(b) Personnel and non-personnel costs related to administering any grants issued
1183	pursuant to the authority provided in subsection (a) of this section may be paid from funds
1184	deposited into the Litigation Support Fund established in section 106b.

"(c) The Attorney General may issue rules to implement this section.".

1187	SUBTITLE X. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION IMPROVEMENTS
1188	Sec. XX01. This subtitle may be cited as the "Unemployment Compensation
1189	Improvements Amendment Act of 2021".
1190	Sec. XX02. The District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act, approved
1191	August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 949; D.C. Official Code § 51-101 et seq.), is amended as follows:
1192	(a) Section 3(c)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 51-103(c)(2)) is amended by adding a new
1193	subparagraph (H) to read as follows:
1194	"(H)(i) The following benefits paid to an individual who became
1195	unemployed or partially unemployed as a result of the circumstances giving rise to the public
1196	health emergency shall not be charged to an employer's experience rating:
1197	"(I) Benefits paid to the individual pursuant to section 101
1198	of the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, enacted May 3, 2021 (D.C. Act
1199	24-62; 68 DCR 4824) ("section 101"), or any preceding or successive act of the Council of the
1200	District of Columbia authorizing payment of wage replacement benefits during the public health
1201	emergency on the same terms as those described in section 101;
1202	"(II) Benefits paid to the individual after the termination of
1203	the public health emergency as a continuation of the benefits described in sub-subparagraph (I)
1204	of this subparagraph; and
1205	"(III) Benefits paid under other local or federal law,
1206	including the federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program and extended
1207	benefits authorized under section $107(a)$

1208	"(ii) For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term "public health
1209	emergency" means the Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency declared pursuant to
1210	Mayor's Order 2020-045, on March 11, 2020, and all subsequent extensions.".
1211	(b) Section 10(a) (D.C. Official Code § 51-110(a)) is amended as follows:
1212	(1) Designate the existing text as paragraph (1).
1213	(2) A new paragraph (2) is added to read as follows:
1214	"(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the term "good cause"
1215	includes working in unsafe locations or under unsafe conditions where such unsafe working
1216	condition or location would cause a reasonable and prudent person in the labor market to leave
1217	the work, as determined by the Director based on the facts in each case."
1218	(c) Section 19(d) (D.C. Official Code § 51-119(d)) is amended as follows:
1219	(1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase "or by the collection remedy
1220	set forth in D.C. Official Code § 47-1812.11(a)" and inserting the phrase "no more than 3 years
1221	from the date that such sum was paid to the claimant" in its place.
1222	(2) A new paragraph (3) is added to read as follows:
1223	"(3)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, during a covered
1224	period:
1225	"(i) The Director, except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C)
1226	of this paragraph, shall not:
1227	"(I) Initiate, file, or threaten to file a civil action for the
1228	collection of sums received as benefits to which a person was not entitled ("overpayment debt");
1229	or

1230	"(II) Engage in communications related to such civil
1231	actions with persons alleged to owe an overpayment debt or their legal representatives, except as
1232	Directed by a court of competent jurisdiction or as necessary to comply with this subparagraph.
1233	"(ii) All activity in pending civil actions that the Director has
1234	brought against persons for the collection of an overpayment debt shall be stayed, and the
1235	Director shall not engage in any activity in violation of such stay.
1236	"(B) During a covered period, the Director shall continue to notify persons
1237	of their right to request overpayment waivers, to receive and process overpayment waiver
1238	requests, to provide information about an overpayment to a person or a person's legal
1239	representative, and to engage in negotiations for the settlement of an existing overpayment debt.
1240	"(C)(i) In addition to any requirement under federal law, within 30 days
1241	after the applicability date of the Unemployment Compensation Improvements Amendment Act
1242	of 2021, approved by the Committee on the Whole on July 20, 2021 (Committee print of Bill 24-
1243	285), and, thereafter, within 30 days after a declaration of a public emergency, the Director shall
1244	individually notify each person against whom the Director has initiated a civil action for the
1245	collection of an overpayment debt, in writing, that:
1246	"(I) Any previously instituted civil action for the collection
1247	of an overpayment debt has been stayed until December 29, 2022, or during a public emergency,
1248	until 90 days after the public emergency terminates; and
1249	"(II) The Director is barred from engaging in
1250	communications with the person related to a civil action for the collection of an overpayment
1251	debt according to the terms of subparagraph (A)(i)(II) of this paragraph.

1252	"(ii) The Director shall retain proof that the notice required
1253	pursuant to sub-subparagraph (i) of this subparagraph was sent by a method reasonably
1254	calculated to reach the person alleged to owe the overpayment debt.
1255	"(D) Beginning on the later of the public emergency, or the date the
1256	Mayor issues the declaration of the public emergency, the statute of limitations period prescribed
1257	in paragraph (1) of this section shall toll until 90 days after the termination of the public
1258	emergency.
1259	"(E) After the conclusion of a covered period, the Director shall make
1260	reasonable efforts to resolve a dispute related to an overpayment debt for which a civil action
1261	was filed through settlement, including by making a reasonable offer to settle for less than the
1262	amount of the alleged overpayment.
1263	"(F)(i) Any settlement agreement to which the Director, or his or her
1264	designee, is a party for repayment of an alleged overpayment debt entered into during a covered
1265	period shall not be valid or enforceable unless the Director can demonstrate compliance with this
1266	paragraph.
1267	"(ii) A court of competent jurisdiction may void a
1268	settlement agreement described in sub-subparagraph (i) of this subparagraph if a person who is a
1269	party to the agreement demonstrates that the Director has not complied with the requirements of
1270	this paragraph.
1271	"(G) For the purposes of this paragraph the term:
1272	"(i) "Covered period" means:
1273	"(I) Fiscal Year 2022 and 90 days thereafter; or

L274	"(II) A public emergency and 90 days after the termination
1275	of the public emergency.
1276	"(ii) "Public emergency" means a period of time for which the
L277	Mayor has declared a public emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public
1278	Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code §
1279	7-2304).".
1280	Sec. XX03. Requirement to produce educational videos for common questions about
1281	unemployment insurance.
1282	(a) In Fiscal Year 2022, the Mayor shall produce 2 informational videos consistent with
1283	the requirements of this subtitle related to the administration and payment of benefits under the
1284	District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act, approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat.
1285	946; D.C. Official Code § 51-101 et seq.) ("UI program").
1286	(b) The first video shall explain the UI program's rules regarding the requirement that
1287	claimants report weekly to the Department of Employment Services any earnings they receive
1288	during their benefit year, including earnings from employment and self-employment, ("benefit
1289	year earnings"), and shall specifically address:
1290	(1) What income is considered benefit year earnings for the purpose of the weekly
1291	unemployment claim;
1292	(2) When and how a claimant must report benefit year earnings;
1293	(3) Examples of how to report benefit year earnings for hourly workers and for
1294	tipped workers; and
1295	(4) Common errors claimants make when reporting benefit year earnings and how
1296	to avoid them

1297	(c) The second video shall explain the OT program's requirement that the claimant has
1298	inquired about available work in accordance with sections 9 and 10 of the District of Columbia
1299	Unemployment Compensation Act, approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 950; D.C. Official Code
1300	§§ 51-109, -110), and shall specifically address:
1301	(1) What the work search requirement is;
1302	(2) How a claimant can satisfy the work search requirement; and
1303	(3) Common errors claimants make when trying to comply with the work search
1304	requirement and how to avoid them.
1305	(d) Each video shall:
1306	(1) Explain its content in simple, clear, and concise language that has a high
1307	likelihood of comprehension by a general audience;
1308	(2) Provide audio in English, Spanish, Amharic, Chinese, French, and other
1309	languages commonly spoken in the District;
1310	(3) Provide closed captions in English; and
1311	(4) Be viewable online from both personal computers and mobile devices.
1312	(e) For as long as the content of each video is current and substantially accurate, as
1313	determined by the Mayor, the Mayor shall display each video or a link leading to a website
1314	where the video can be viewed:
1315	(1) On the UI program's website;
1316	(2) On the Department of Employment Services' website;
L317	(3) At American Job Centers;
1318	(4) Through social media posts; and
L319	(5) In emails to UI program claimants.

1320	(f)(1) The Mayor shall procure the informational videos required pursuant to this section
1321	through grant or contract.
1322	(2) The person selected to produce the videos shall prepare a script for each video
1323	prior to the video's production and submit it to the Mayor for review. Within 30 days after
1324	receiving each script, the Mayor shall review and provide feedback on the script in order to:
1325	(A) Correct any misstatements related to federal or District law or
1326	procedures claimants must follow; and
1327	(B) Optimize the videos' accessibility to claimants.
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1329	SUBTITLE XX. DISTRICT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE RESIDENCY RESEARCH
1330	Sec. XXX. Short title.
1331	This subtitle may be cited as the "District Government Employee Residency Research
1332	Amendment Act of 2021".
1333	Sec. XXX. The Jobs for D.C. Residents Amendment Act of 2007, effective February 6,
1334	2008 (D.C. Law 17-108; D.C. Official Code § 1-515.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:
1335	(a) Section 101 (D.C. Official Code § 1-515.01) is amended as follows:
1336	(1) New paragraphs (1A), (1B), and (1C) are added to read as follows:
1337	"(1A) "Common jurisdictions of residence" means a local jurisdiction where at
1338	least 500 District government employees reside; provided, that counties commonly known as the
1339	"eastern shore of Maryland" may be grouped together as one jurisdiction and all counties in
1340	West Virginia may be grouped together as one jurisdiction.
1341	"(1B) "DCHR" means the District Department of Human Resources.
1342	"(1C) "Demographics" means socioeconomic factors such as a District
1343	government employee's race, household size, number of dependents, status as a parent of school-
1344	aged children, jurisdiction of birth, and household income.".
1345	(2) A new paragraph (2A) is added to read as follows:
1346	"(2A) "Employment information" means the agency for which the employee
1347	works; the employee's job title, salary, employment service and grade, occupation, and
1348	occupational group; the employee's status as a full-time, part-time, term, or permanent
1349	employee; and the employee's status as a highly-compensated employee.".
1350	(3) New paragraphs (4) and (5) are added to read as follows:

1351	"(4) "Jurisdiction of residence" means the city, county, and state, as applicable, in
1352	which a District government employee maintains the employee's primary or permanent
1353	residence.
1354	"(5) "Residency-related policies" includes the preference points for District
1355	residents who apply to District government employment and the District residency mandates in
1356	sections 102 and 103, respectively, or in other District law.".
1357	(b) A new section 106a is added to read as follows:
1358	"Sec. 106a. Study of District government employee residency.
1359	"(a)(1) DCHR shall conduct a study on District government employee and applicant
1360	residency and residency-related policies ("study"), which it shall submit to the Council no later
1361	than October 1, 2022. The study shall utilize the results of each of the components described in
1362	subsection (b) of this section to provide a comprehensive analysis on the District government
1363	workforce as a whole and on sworn police officers, firefighters, and other groups regarding
1364	current patterns related to District government employees' jurisdictions of residence; barriers to
1365	higher rates of District residency; reasons for District residency; effectiveness of current
1366	residency-related policies; and factors or policies that, if changed, could increase the rates of
1367	District residency for District government employees.
1368	"(2) DCHR shall provide the Council Committee on Labor and Workforce
1369	Development a status update on the research, in writing, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 10
1370	months, and 12 months following the applicability date of the District Government Employee
1371	Residency Research Amendment Act of 2021, approved by the Committee of the Whole on July
1372	20, 2021 (Committee print of Bill 24-285).
1373	"(b) The study shall consist of the following components:

1374	"(1) Results from a data analysis of the jurisdiction of residence of District
1375	government employees and applicants, consistent with the requirements of subsection (c) of this
1376	section;
1377	"(2) Results of an anonymous survey or confidential focus groups, or both, of
1378	District government employees and former employees related to their opinions and experiences
1379	regarding their jurisdictions of residence, consistent with the requirements of subsection (d) of
1380	this section; and
1381	"(3) Results of a review and analysis of District government agencies' hiring
1382	practices and outcomes through data analysis and interviews or surveys, or both, of agency hiring
1383	directors, consistent with the requirements of subsection (e) of this section.
1384	"(c)(1) The study's data analysis component shall collect and analyze data, to the extent is
1385	is available, for the purpose of documenting, for the District government workforce:
1386	"(A) Patterns, including correlations, between District government
1387	employees' current jurisdictions of residence and employees':
1388	"(i) Employment information;
1389	"(ii) Demographics;
1390	"(iii) Median housing costs, including monthly rent and home sale
1391	price, in common jurisdictions of residence; and
1392	"(iv) Applicable residency-related policies;
1393	"(B) Patterns, including rates of application and of hire, of District
1394	government job applicants, by jurisdiction of residence and then by agency, salary level,
1395	employment service and grade, occupation, and occupational group; and for District resident

L396	applicants, the analysis shall also include a review of total workforce and agency-level patterns
1397	and rates at which applicants:
1398	"(i) Were qualified for the applied-for jobs based on the 100-point
1399	scale;
L400	"(ii) Sought and received District residency preference points;
L401	"(iii) Received an interview;
L402	"(iv) Received job offers; and
L403	"(v) Accepted job offers; and
L404	"(C) Patterns related to District government employees moving into the
L405	District, maintaining residency in the District, or moving out of the District, and factors or
L406	circumstances that include the following:
L407	"(i) Employees' jurisdictions of residence immediately before
L408	commencing work with the District government;
L409	"(ii) Residency-related policies, including the end of the 7-year
L410	period of required residency for employees who received a hiring preference pursuant to section
1411	102;
L412	"(iii) The length of time employees resided in the District before
L413	commencing employment with the District government;
L414	"(iv) Employment information; and
L415	"(v) Demographics and changes in demographics.
1416	"(2) Upon completion of the research and analysis conducted pursuant to
L417	paragraph (1) of this subsection, DCHR shall issue and submit to the Council a report
L418	documenting the findings of the data analysis for:

L419	"(A) The District's workforce as a whole;
1420	"(B) Subordinate agency employees;
L421	"(C) Independent agency employees;
L422	"(D) Employees in jobs that require District residency;
1423	"(E) Employees in jobs that do not require District residency;
L424	"(F) Sworn police officers;
1425	"(G) Firefighters;
1426	"(H) Employees who received residency preference points;
L427	"(I) Employees with long tenures with the District government;
1428	"(J) Employees with short tenures with the District government; and
1429	"(K) Other groups and subgroups that produce findings of interest,
L430	relevance, or import, including disaggregation by demographics, employment information,
L431	occupation, and other factors, where such disaggregation demonstrates observable patterns of
1432	interest or importance.
1433	"(d)(1) The study's anonymous survey or confidential focus groups component shall:
L434	"(A) Be conducted after issuance of the report required pursuant to
1435	subsection (c)(2) of this section and be informed by its findings;
1436	"(B) Include a sample size that is large and diverse enough for
L437	disaggregation into the groups of employees listed in subsection (c)(2) of this section.
1438	"(C) Capture demographic information as well as information on actual
1439	housing costs of survey participants;
L440	"(D) Capture data not available through the data analysis conducted
L441	pursuant to subsection $(c)(1)(A)$ and (C) of this section;

1442	"(E) Include questions, and allow open-ended responses, related to:
1443	"(i) Why District government employees choose to live in the
1444	District or not to live in the District;
1445	"(ii) The decision-making considerations of employees as to their
1446	jurisdiction of residence, with a particular focus on housing costs, educational options, and other
1447	significant or common factors;
1448	"(iii) For public safety jobs, including sworn police officers and
1449	firefighters, the unique factors of their jobs and how those factors' impact their decisions related
1450	to jurisdiction of residence;
1451	"(iv) How District resident employees are able to afford to live in
1452	the District; and
1453	"(v) Other questions aimed at collecting the information required
1454	in paragraph (3)(A) of this subsection or of interest, relevance, or importance to the study.
1455	"(2) DCHR may utilize up to \$10,000 to incentive participation in the survey.
1456	"(3) Upon completion of the survey or focus groups and analysis conducted
1457	pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, DCHR shall issue and submit to the Council a report
1458	with findings from the survey and confidential focus groups, which shall:
1459	"(A) Include findings on:
1460	"(i) The circumstances under which and reasons why District
1461	residents hired into District government positions move out of the District;
1462	"(ii) The circumstances under which and reasons why new District
1463	government hires who are not District residents move into the District or do not move into the
1464	District;

1465	"(iii) Factors that would influence a non-District resident to
1466	voluntarily live in the District or allow the individual to live in the District if the employee's job
1467	required District residency, including salary thresholds above which District employees who are
1468	not District residents would be willing or able to become District residents; and
1469	"(iv) Factors that would influence a District resident to remain a
1470	District resident in the long term;
1471	"(B) Disaggregate results by demographics, salary level, the employee
1472	groups listed in subsection (c)(2) of this section, and other factors;
1473	"(C) Provide average and median actual housing costs of survey or focus
1474	group participants, in sum and disaggregated by demographics, salary level, and other factors
1475	and;
1476	"(D) Withhold or combine data to the extent failure to do so would
1477	otherwise disclose a participant's identity.
1478	"(e)(1) The study component related to a review and analysis of agencies' hiring
1479	practices and outcomes shall utilize data gathered pursuant to subsection (c)(1)(B) of this section,
1480	related to District government employee applicants, and interviews with or surveys of agency
1481	hiring directors to inform the component, and shall include:
1482	"(A) A review of District government agencies' actual recruitment, hiring,
1483	retention, and promotion practices, whether and to what extent such practices focus on hiring
1484	District residents, success or lack of success of such practices at hiring District residents, how to
1485	improve practices to increase hiring of District residents, and the main challenges, as supported
1486	by data or reported by hiring directors, in hiring District residents and recruiting to positions that
1487	require District residency;

1488	"(B) Identification of specific occupations or occupational groups and
1489	patterns or correlations related to occupations or occupational groups for which District residents
1490	represent less than 40% of new hires, each occupation's or occupational group's starting salary,
1491	and specific credentials necessary for each occupation or occupational group; and
1492	"(C) For agencies that consistently have an annual rate of new hires that is
1493	less than 40% District residents, data analysis of, and agency hiring directors' perspective on, the
1494	reasons for such rates, such as inadequate recruitment, bona fide hard-to-fill positions, lack of
1495	qualified District-resident applicants, lack of positions that require residency, or other legitimate
1496	reasons.
1497	"(2) Upon completion of the research conducted pursuant to paragraph (1) of this
1498	subsection, DCHR shall issue and submit to the Council a report with findings of the review of
1499	hiring practices conducted pursuant to this subsection.
1500	"(f)(1) To perform the study and complete the reports required pursuant to this section,
1501	including to prepare the reports required in subsections (a), (c)(2), (d)(3), and (e)(2) of this
1502	section, DCHR may contract with or otherwise hire an outside entity with relevant expertise in
1503	conducting related research and using research methodologies required to produce the study.
1504	"(2) DCHR may use electronic communication tools, including e-mail, to
1505	facilitate a contractor or other external entity's outreach to District government employees.
1506	"(3) DCHR shall:
1507	"(A) Provide a contractor or hired entity, should one be procured or hired,
1508	with the information and data necessary to facilitate completion of the study components
1509	outlined in subsection (b) of this section and shall assist the contractor or hired entity in

1510	obtaining data from other agencies, including the Office of the Chief Financial Officer
1511	("OCFO") Office of Tax and Revenue.
1512	"(B) Provide all raw data, survey questions, survey results, and all
1513	research components and other materials prepared by a contractor or hired entity for the research
1514	required by the study, but excluding individual-level data, to the Council upon request.
1515	"(g) In complying with the provisions of this section, DCHR shall take steps to ensure the
1516	privacy and confidentially of current and former District government employees. DCHR may not
1517	release to the public or to the Council any findings or data that contain personally identifying
1518	information.
1519	"(h)(1) OCFO shall provide all information requested by DCHR or DCHR's hired entity
1520	for the purposes of the research described in this subtitle unless sharing such information would
1521	violate District or federal laws. DCHR shall enter a data-sharing agreement with OCFO if
1522	necessary.
1523	"(2) Independent agencies shall provide all information requested by DCHR for
1524	the purposes of the research described in this subtitle. DCHR shall enter a data-sharing
1525	agreement with the agencies if necessary.".
1526	(c) Section 108 (D.C. Official Code § 1-515.08) is amended as follows:
1527	(1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase "this act" and inserting the
1528	phrase "this title" in its place.
1529	(2) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase "this act" and inserting the
1530	phrase "this title" in its place.
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1533	SUBTITLE XX. DISABILITY INSURANCE OVERPAYMENT REMEDY
1534	Sec. 1XX1. Short title.
1535	This subtitle may be cited as the "Disability Insurance Overpayment Remedy Act of
1536	2021".
1537	Sec. 1XX2. Definitions.
1538	For the purposes of this subtitle, the term:
1539	(1) "Affected employee" means each past and current District government
1540	employee who DCHR determines overpaid premiums on disability insurance at any time during
1541	the period from January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2020.
1542	(2) "Disability insurance" means short-term or long-term disability insurance
1543	provided as a voluntary opt-in benefit for District government employees.
1544	(3) "DCHR" means the Department of Human Resources.
1545	(4) "Overpayment" means money paid by a District government employee for
1546	disability insurance premiums in excess of what the employee owed.
1547	Sec. 1XX3. Notification and repayment of premiums.
1548	By September 30, 2022, DCHR shall:
1549	(1) Identify all affected employees;
1550	(2) Individually notify each affected employee about the fact of the overpayment,
1551	the date range of the employee's overpayment, the total dollar amount overpaid by the employee
1552	and the formula DCHR used to arrive at the affected employee's overpayment amount;
1553	(3) Provide affected employees a process to contest the overpayment calculation
1554	provided pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection:

1555	(4) Reimburse each affected employee by the amount DCHR determines the
1556	affected employee overpaid, after considering any contested calculations pursuant to paragraph
1557	(3) of this section; and
1558	(5) Submit to the Council a report containing the:
1559	(A) Total number of affected employees;
1560	(B) Date the District collected the first overpayment and the date the
1561	District ceased collecting overpayments;
1562	(C) Total amount of all overpayments paid by all affected employees;
1563	(D) Average amount by which affected employees overpaid their
1564	disability insurance premiums from 2010 through 2019; and
1565	(E) Total amount of money the District reimbursed to all affected
1566	employees.
1567	Sec. 1004. Applicability.
1568	This subtitle shall expire 30 days after the Council's receipt of the report described in
1569	section 1XX3.
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1573 1574	PROTECTION REGULATION CLARIFICATION
1575 1576	Sec. 1XX.1. Short title.
1577	This subtitle may be cited as the "Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment
1578	Protection Regulation Clarification Amendment Act of 2021".
1579	Sec. 1XX2. The District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act
1580	of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Official Code § 1-601.01 et seq.), is
1581	amended as follows:
1582	(a) Section 1503a(h) (D.C. Official Code § 1-615.03a(h)) is amended by striking the
1583	word "rules" and inserting the phrase "rules pertaining to Council employees" in its place.
1584	(b) Section 2062(e) (D.C. Official Code § 1-620.62(e)) is amended by striking the word
1585	"rules" and inserting the phrase "rules pertaining to Council employees" in its place.
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1590	SUBTITLE XX. SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS MODIFICATIONS
L591	Sec. XXX.1. Short title.
1592	This subtitle may be cited as the "Subject to Appropriations Modifications Amendment
1593	Act of 2021".
1594	Sec. XXX2. Section 4 of the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection
1595	Amendment Act of 2020, effective April 27, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-276; 68 DCR 4794), is
1596	repealed.
1597	Sec. XXX3. Section 301 of the Commission on Poverty Establishment Amendment Act
1598	of 2020, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-184; 68 DCR 1220), is repealed.
1599	Sec. XXX4. Section 302 of the Ban on Non-Compete Agreements Amendment Act of
1600	2020, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-209; 68 DCR 782), is amended to read as follows:
1601	"Section 302. Applicability.
1602	"This act shall apply as of April 1, 2022.".
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