A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish a Students in the Care of D.C. Coordinating Committee to identify challenges and resolve issues that students in detainment, commitment, incarceration, and foster care face in order improve educational outcomes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Students in the Care of D.C. Coordinating Committee Act of 2018”.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

(a) For the purpose of this act, the term:

(1) “Coordinating Committee” means Students in the Care of D.C. Coordinating Committee.

(2) “Students” means residents of the District under 22 years of age who are detained, committed, or otherwise under the supervision of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services; under the supervision of Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia, or Social Services in the Superior Court; in the care of the Child and Family Services Agency; incarcerated by the Department of
Corrections or Bureau of Prisons; or otherwise under the supervision of any other District agency.

Sec. 3. Establishment of the Students in the Care of D.C. Coordinating Committee.
The Students in the Care of D.C. Coordinating Committee is established within the District of Columbia.

Sec. 4. Membership.
(a) The Coordinating Committee shall include the following voting members, or their designee:

1. Superintendent, Office of the State Superintendent of Education;
2. Director, ReEngagement Center;
3. Director, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services;
4. Director, Child and Family Services Agency;
5. Director, Department of Corrections;
6. Chancellor, District of Columbia Public Schools;
7. Executive Director, Public Charter School Board;
8. President, University of the District of Columbia Community College;
9. Director of Social Services;
10. Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia;
11. Executive Director, Corrections Information Council;
12. Director, Department of Behavioral Health; and
13. Director, Department of Disability Services.

(b) Each of the individuals described in this subsection are authorized to serve on the Coordinating Committee, participate in the Coordinating Committee’s activities, and take such
other actions as may be necessary to carry out the individual’s duties as a member of the Coordinating Committee. The individuals are as follows:

(1) Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia;

(2) Director, Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia;

(3) Director, District of Columbia Public Defender Service; and

(3) Director, Bureau of Prisons.

(c) The Mayor shall appoint a District resident from each of the following categories to serve as a voting member:

(1) A parent or guardian of a student;

(2) A former student;

(3) A provider of services for students;

(4) An education attorney representing students involved in the juvenile and criminal system;

(5) An attorney representing students involved in the foster care system; and

(6) Two charter local education agencies.

(d) The Mayor shall, within 60 days of the effective date of this act, make nominations for each nongovernmental member of the Coordinating Committee.

(1) Each nongovernmental member of the Coordinating Committee shall serve a term of 2 years. When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Coordinating Committee for reasons other than the expiration of the term of a member, the Mayor shall appoint an individual to serve in the vacant position. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of a predecessor shall be appointed only for the remainder of the term.
Nongovernmental members of the Coordinating Committee shall be eligible to be reappointed for one 2-year term beyond their initial term of appointment.

(e) The Mayor shall appoint an Executive Director of the Coordinating Committee who shall also serve as a voting member. The Executive Director shall be appointed to the Excepted Service as a statutory officeholder pursuant to § 1-609.08 Sec. 5. Duties.

(a) The Coordinating Committee shall:

(1) Make recommendations concerning the coordination of the activities and the mobilization of the resources of member agencies in improving educational outcomes for students by:

(i) Identifying barriers to educational success;

(ii) Determining the type of data that should be collected from each member agency;

(iii) Setting outcomes that each member agency is responsible for improving; and

(iv) Establishing an effective system for monitoring students.

(2) Cooperate with and support the member agencies in carrying out the purposes of the Coordinating Committee by implementing all relevant memorandum of agreements.

(3) Foster collaborative relationships with agency counterparts in Maryland and Virginia for students who are placed outside of the District.

(b) The Coordinating Committee shall also report, within 12 months of the effective date of this act, and on an annual basis, on the status and progress of the goals and objectives referenced in subsection (a) of this section to the membership of the Coordinating Committee, the public, the
Mayor, and the Council. The report shall be submitted to the Mayor and the Council within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year.

Sec. 6. Operation of the Coordinating Committee.

(a) The Coordinating Committee shall meet not less than quarterly. All meetings of the Coordinating Committee shall have a quorum of 2/3rds of the District agency members and 1/3rd of appointed members in order to conduct the business of the Coordinating Committee.

(b) The Coordinating Committee may establish subcommittees as needed. Subcommittees may include persons who are not members of the Coordinating Committee; provided that each subcommittee shall be chaired by a Coordinating Committee member. No meeting of a subcommittee of the Coordinating Committee shall qualify as a meeting of the Coordinating Committee for purposes of fulfilling the requirements in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The Office of the State Superintendent of Education shall provide staff assistance and support to the Coordinating Committee.

Sec. 7. Fiscal impact statement.


Sec. 8. Effective date.

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