A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000 to establish the Office of the State Superintendent of Education as an independent agency and to amend the State Superintendent of Education’s term from 4 to 6 years.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “State Education Agency Independence Amendment Act of 2018”.

Sec. 2. Section 2 of the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, effective October 21, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-176; D.C. Official Code § 38-2601), is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the term “under the Office of the Mayor” and inserting the term “as an independent agency” in its place.

(b) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “4-year term.” and inserting the phrase “6-year term; provided, that the Mayor may remove the Officer for cause.” in its place.

(c) A new subsection (c) is added to read as follows:

“(c) The State Superintendent shall serve as the exclusive personnel authority for employees of the Office and have full authority to hire and manage staff to support the work of
the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) in accordance with the budget
approved for OSSE.”

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,

Sec. 4. 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.