A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend The Uniform Per Student Funding Formula for Public Schools and Public Charter Schools Amendment Act of 1998 to require that the District of Columbia Public Schools submission be based on the cost associated at each school based on projected enrollment and include detailed information for each school’s funding, a separate line-item for at-risk funding for each school, and a narrative description of programs and services funded by at-risk funds; that the DCPS submission delineate cost of the central office attributed listed categories of students in each grade level; that the Public Charter School Board shall publish the detailed budget and end of year expenditures of each public charter
school; to amend the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 to require the
Boards of Trustees of public charter schools to comply with Title IV of the District of
Columbia Administrative Procedures Act; and to require the Office of the State
Superintendent of Education to create an electronic reporting system for the public to
ensure the greatest degree of clarity and comparability by laypersons of expenditures
among all public schools in the District of Columbia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
act may be cited as the “School Based Budgeting and Transparency Amendment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. Section 3(b) of the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, effective
November 13, 2003 (D.C. Law 13-176; D.C. Official Code § 38-2602(b)), is amended by adding
a new paragraph (3A) to read as follows:

“(3A) With input from the Public Charter School Board and District of Columbia
Public Schools, establish an electronic reporting system based on a standard chart of accounts for
all Local Education Agencies (LEA) and public schools budget expenditures that:

“(A) Makes school to school and LEA to LEA comparisons accurate and
meaningful;

“(B) Provides standard definitions for employment positions such that full,
accurate disclosure of administrative costs is made within the budgets and financial statements of
every LEA; and

“(C) Makes it possible to collect comparable data by program and school
site;”.

Sec. 3. The Uniform Per Student Funding Formula for Public Schools and Public Charter
Schools Amendment Act of 1998, effective March 26, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-270; D.C. Official
Code § 38-2901 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 104 (D.C. Official Code § 38-2903) is amended as follows:
(1) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the number “2018” and insert the number “2020” in its place.

(2)

(b) Section 106a (D.C. Official Code § 38-2905.01) is amended by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d)(1) By December 31 of each year, beginning in 2019, every local education agency that is allocated funds pursuant to this section shall make publicly available a report that delineates every program, activity, service, and number of personnel supported by funds allocated pursuant to this section during the previous school year.

(c) Section 107(a) (D.C. Official Code § 38-2906(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) Annual appropriations for DCPS pursuant to the Formula shall equal the total estimated costs for the number of resident students projected to be enrolled in DCPS during the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made; provided, that beginning in Fiscal Year 2021, the projected change in enrollment for the next school year shall equal the average annual change in enrollment for the preceding 3 years using pupil counts from the March 30 enrollment reports submitted pursuant to section 2402(a) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995, approved April 26, 1996 (110 Stat. 1321-257; D.C. Official Code § 38-1804.02(a)).”.

(b) Section 108a (D.C. Official Code § 38-2907.01) is amended as follows:

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

“(c) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2021 and in each subsequent fiscal year, the Mayor’s proposed budget for DCPS shall delineate spending on central administration attributed to:
(1) The following categories of student at each grade level, pre-kindergarten 3 through 12:

(A) General education;

(B) Special education level 1;

(C) Special education level 2;

(D) Special education level 3;

(E) Special education level 4;

(F) Special education residential;

(G) Special education extended school year;

(H) English language learner; and

(I) At-risk;

“(2) Special education compliance and attorney’s fees supplement; and

“(3) The adult education program.”. (2) A new subsection (d) is added to read as follows:

“(d) The District of Columbia Public Schools submission pursuant to subsection (c) shall be based on the cost associated at each school based on projected enrollment and include detailed information for each school’s funding.”.

Sec. 4. Section 2204(c) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995, approved April 26, 1996 (110 Stat. 1321; D.C Official Code § 38-1802.04(c)) is amended by adding new paragraphs (22) and (23) to read as follows:

“(22) School budgets. -- (A) By December 31 of each year, the Board of Trustees shall prepare and make available to the public an annual budget for each public charter school
under its governance. Beginning with fiscal year 2021, for each program level, the Board of
Trustees shall submit:

“(i) Actual expenditures for the prior school year;
“(ii) Estimated expenditures for the current school year; and
“(iii) Projected expenditures for the following school year.

“(B) The Public Charter School Board shall collect the annual budget mentioned
in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and publish the detailed budget and end of year
expenditures of each public charter school within 3 business days of receipt.”.

“(23) Open meetings. – All meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be subject to
the requirements of the Open Meetings Act of 1968, effective March 31, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-
614; D.C. Official Code § 2-571 et seq.).

Sec. 5. Section 404(3)(C) of the Open Meetings Act of 1968, effective March 31, 2011
(D.C. Law 18-614; D.C. Official Code § 2-574(3)(C)) is repealed.

Sec. 6. 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. 7. 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.