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14 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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18 To amend the School Proximity Traffic Calming Act of 2000 to establish a Safe Passage
19 Program within the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education ("Deputy Mayor"), to
20 establish a Safe Blocks program within the Deputy Mayor's Office or agency designee, to
21 prescribe how grants are to be awarded to community-based organizations participating
22 in the program, to detail the responsibilities of community-based organizations and their
23 personnel participating the program, and to provide the Deputy Mayor with grant-making
24 authority, to establish a School Safety and Safe Passage Walking Group and prescribe the
25 working group's membership, to establish a Safe Routes to School program within the
26 District Department of Transportation ("DDOT"), to prescribe the timing, manner, and
27 scope of Action Plans and spot safety assessments undertaken by DDOT, to set the speed
28 limit within school zones at 15 miles per hour, to provide that DDOT may increase the
29 speed limit within school zones to 25 miles per hour along arterials during hours school is
30 not in session, to double the fine for certain moving violations occurring in a school zone,
31 and to require submission of monthly statistical reports from the District of Columbia
32 Public Schools ("DCPS") and Metropolitan Police Department on student traffic safety,
33 to require that, by December 31, 2026, the Office of the State Superintendent for
34 Education ("OSSE") equip all active schools busses with automated traffic enforcement
35 cameras, to require that DDOT implement a School Streets Pilot Program at at least one
36 public school per ward, to prescribe the placement, hours, and training received by school
37 crossing guards, to permit schools to submit requests for crossing guards online, to
38 require that DDOT to transmit a plan to the Mayor and Council by June 1, 2024,
39 identifying options to convert part-time crossing guard positions to full-time, to require
40 that the Mayor submit to the Council every five years, a Safe Streets for Students Master
41 Plan, to prescribe the contents of the Master Plan, the agencies responsible for its
42 development, and opportunities for the public to review and comment on the draft plan,
43 and to require that, every five years, DDOT transmit a rubric to the Council that produces
44 scores to prioritize schools for Action Plans, to prescribe annual reporting for the Deputy
45 Mayor and DDOT on safe passage and the Safe Routes to School Program, and, to clarify
46 that traffic safety infrastructure installed throughout the District shall not be deemed

47 obstructions of the roadway, nor shall damage by traffic safety infrastructure be the basis
48 for a cause of action; and, to make conforming amendments to the School Safety and
49 Security Contracting Procedures Act of 2004.

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51 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
52 act may be cited as the “Safe Streets for Students Amendment Act of 2022”.

53 Sec. 2. The School Proximity Traffic Calming Act of 2000, effective May 23, 2000 (D.C.
54 Law 13-111; D.C. Official Code § 38-3101), is amended as follows:

55 (a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 38-3101) is amended to read as follows:

56 “Sec. 2. Definitions.

57 “For the purposes of this act, the term:

58 “(1) “Action Plan” means a written assessment, posted on the District Department
59 of Transportation (“DDOT”) website prior to implementation of the Action Plan, that:

60 “(A) Summarizes the actions taken by DDOT, including any data
61 produced, to complete a comprehensive assessment of traffic safety needs for a school, including
62 the school zone;

63 “(B) Details the types of traffic safety infrastructure and the location,
64 scope, and timing of installation of traffic safety infrastructure, by infrastructure element, to be
65 installed, pursuant to an assessment of traffic safety needs undertaken by DDOT; and

66 “(C) Describes the nature and timing of community engagement on
67 implementation of the recommendations in the Action Plan.

68 “(2) “Community-based organization” means an organization operated by a
69 nonprofit entity or faith-based organization that provides services, including violence
70 interruption and deterrence and youth development.

71 “(3) “Deputy Mayor” means Deputy Mayor for Education.

72 “(4) “Local education agency” means District of Columbia Public Schools
73 (“DCPS”) or any individual public charter school or group of public charter schools operating
74 under a single charter.

75 “(5) “New school” means:

76 “(A) A school located in a never-before-occupied structure, except for a
77 structure erected in an existing school zone; or

78 “(B) A school located in a preexisting structure that has not been used as a
79 District of Columbia public school or public charter school within the last 5 years.

80 “(6) “Priority area” means an area of the District, designated by the School Safety
81 and Safe Passage Working Group, for receipt of safe passage services, and whose bounds include
82 at least the full school zone for at least one public school.

83 “(7) “Safe passage” means programs and services administered or otherwise
84 overseen by the Deputy Mayor, in collaboration with other relevant District and federal agencies,
85 targeted at ensuring DCPS and public charter school students can travel to and from their school
86 safe from the threat of physical violence, intimidation, and other public safety concerns.

87 “(8) “School zone” includes any street, block, or intersection within 350 feet of a
88 given school’s building or school grounds and includes crossing points closest to that boundary;
89 however, areas within school zones that are unused for crossings, such as along a highway
90 without marked crossing points, may be excluded from the school zone.

91 “(9) “Shared fleet device” shall have the same meaning as set forth in section
92 2(14D) of the District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1119;
93 D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.02(14D)).

94 “(10) “Spot safety assessment” means a determination of whether traffic safety
95 infrastructure should be installed to increase traffic safety at a specific location.

96 “(11) “Traffic safety infrastructure” shall include speed humps, bumps, cushions,
97 and tables; rumble strips; pavement markings; signs that warn of the presence of children; traffic
98 signals and signage; raised crosswalks; raised intersections; continuous sidewalks; high-visibility
99 crosswalks; curb extensions; pedestrian islands; bicycle lanes; bus islands and shelters; stops
100 signs, including all way stops; automated traffic enforcement cameras and signage; and flashing
101 signals and beacons.”.

102 (b) New sections 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, 2i, 2j, and 2k are added to read as follows:

103 “Sec. 2a. Safe Passage Program.

104 “(a)(1) The Mayor shall establish a Safe Passage Program within the Office of the Deputy
105 Mayor, responsible for ensuring the safe passage of students traveling to and from local
106 education agencies on days in which school is in session or other days, as determined by the
107 Deputy Mayor.

108 “(2) The Safe Passage Program shall be responsible for the following:

109 “(A) Supporting development of the Safe Streets for Students Master Plan
110 required by section 2j;

111 “(B) Administering safe passage programming under this act;

112 “(C) Administering the School Safety and Safe Passage Working Group
113 established pursuant to section 2c;

114 “(D) Gathering and analyzing data on student transportation, student
115 safety, and other data related to safe passage, as available;

116 “(E) Producing an interactive map or similar digital tool pursuant to
117 section 2b(f); and

118 “(F) Planning and implementing policies, programs, and services to
119 support safe passage, in consultation with the District Department of Transportation, Department
120 of Public Works, Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, Office of Planning, and other
121 relevant agencies.

122 “Sec. 2b. Safe Blocks program.

123 “(a) The Deputy Mayor for Education (“Deputy Mayor”) or agency designee shall
124 establish a Safe Blocks program. Under the Safe Blocks program, by June 1 of each year, the
125 Deputy Mayor shall, for the upcoming school year:

126 “(1) In consultation with the School Safety and Safe Passage Working Group,
127 designate priority areas for the upcoming school year;

128 “(2) In consultation with the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”),
129 produce on the program website an interactive map or similar digital tool as required by
130 subsection (f) of this section; and

131 “(3) Award grants to community-based organizations (“CBO”) in accordance
132 with subsection (b) of this section;

133 “(b)(1) The Deputy Mayor shall award annual and multi-year grants on a competitive
134 basis to CBOs for the purposes of providing safe passage services on behalf of the District.

135 “(2) The Mayor shall issue rules to govern award of grants under this subsection
136 consistent with this section and the Grant Administration Act of 2013, effective December 24,
137 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.11 *et seq.*).

138 “(c) Each CBO that is a recipient of a grant under this section shall be responsible for:

139 “(1) The recruitment, hiring, training, and management of personnel to provide
140 safe passage services in priority area; and

141 “(2) Collection, tracking, and reporting of data, including incident reports, as
142 required by the Deputy Mayor.

143 “(d) Personnel hired by CBOs under this section shall:

144 “(1) Be responsible for providing safe passage services for students traveling to
145 and from school during designated hours, such as the following:

146 “(A) Daily monitoring of an assigned Safe Blocks priority area, including
147 developing relationships with students, families, businesses, civic associational, institutional
148 facilities, and community members within the priority area;

149 “(B) Working collaboratively with schools, relevant District agency staff,
150 and the surrounding community to identify and intervene to diffuse conflicts;

151 “(C) Support attendance by encouraging students to attend class daily and
152 on time; and

153 “(D) Build relationships with school administrators, police personnel,
154 parents, community residents by increasing their awareness of the Safe Blocks program
155 whenever possible; and

156 “(2) Receive at least the following trainings:

157 “(A) Bystander intervention training;

158 “(B) Training on racial and implicit bias; and

159 “(C) Any other trainings required by the Deputy Mayor.

160 “(e) In addition to the reporting requirements in section 1097 of the Grant Administration
161 Act of 2013, effective December 24, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.16), on

162 or before November 1 of each year, the Deputy Mayor shall submit to the Council and make
163 publicly available an annual status report for grants issued by or on behalf of the Deputy Mayor
164 under this act in the previous fiscal year, which shall include, for each grant:

165 “(1) The name, business address, and primary point of contact for the CBO;

166 “(2) A description of the specific services provided by the CBO;

167 “(3) The priority areas served by the CBO; and

168 “(4) The amount of grant funds dedicated to program costs and the amount
169 dedicated to other expenditures.

170 “(f) The Deputy Mayor, in consultation with DDOT, shall make available an interactive
171 map or similar digital tool as part of the Safe Blocks program. The Deputy Mayor shall
172 coordinate with DDOT to populate the following data within the map:

173 “(1) The bounds of priority areas;

174 “(2) Within priority areas, the location of sidewalks, marked crosswalks, and
175 stops signs and signals; and

176 “(3) All locations at which a crossing guard has been assigned.

177 “(g) The Deputy Mayor shall have grant-making authority for the purpose of
178 implementation of safe passage programming.

179 “Sec. 2c. School Safety and Safe Passage Working Group.

180 “(a) The Deputy Mayor shall convene a School Safety and Safe Passage Working Group
181 (“Working Group”) to facilitate interagency planning, coordination, and implementation of safe
182 passage programming.

183 “(b) The Working Group shall be comprised of at least the following members:

184 “(1) The Deputy Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor’s designee;

185 “(2) The Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools (“DCPS”), or the
186 Chancellor’s designee;

187 “(3) The Chair of the Public Charter School Board, or the Chair’s designee;

188 “(4) The Director of the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”), or the
189 Director’s designee;

190 “(5) The Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, or the Deputy Mayor for
191 Public Safety and Justice’s designee;

192 “(6) The Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”), or the Chief’s
193 designee;

194 “(7) The General Manager of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
195 (“WMATA”), or the General Manager’s designee;

196 “(8) The Chief of the WMATA Metro Transit Police Department (“MTPD”), or
197 the Chief’s designee;

198 “(9) The Attorney General for the District of Columbia, or the Attorney General’s
199 designee;

200 “(10) At least one individual who is the parent or guardian of a DCPS or public
201 charter school student; and

202 “(11) At least one teacher or administrator at a DCPS or public charter school.

203 “(c) Within 14 days after a meeting of the Working Group, the Deputy Mayor shall post
204 on the Deputy Mayor’s website meeting minutes and copies of materials considered by the
205 Working Group at the meeting.

206 “Sec. 2d. Safe Routes to School Program.

207 “The District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) shall establish a Safe Routes to
208 School Program, which shall be responsible for:

209 “(1) Developing the Safe Streets for Students Master Plan required under section
210 2j;

211 “(2) Conducting spot safety assessments and other assessments or investigations
212 that are focused on improving traffic safety;

213 “(3) Producing Action Plans;

214 “(4) Installing traffic safety infrastructure to enhance the safety and improve the
215 experience of pedestrians and bicycle, shared fleet device, or other riders pursuant to an Action
216 Plan, assessment, investigation, or as otherwise deemed necessary by DDOT to improve traffic
217 safety;

218 “(5) Implementation of the School Streets Pilot Program;

219 “(6) Gathering and analyzing data to improve the safety of public school students,
220 staff, and families from traffic violence as they travel to and from school;

221 “(7) Coordinating with the Deputy Mayor for Education, Department of Public
222 Works, Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, Office of Planning, Metropolitan Police
223 Department, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (“WMATA”), WMATA
224 Metropolitan Transit Police Department, and other relevant agencies to plan for and implement
225 policies, programs, and services to support the Safe Routes to School Program and measures
226 intended to ensure the safety of public school students, staff, and families from traffic violence as
227 they travel to and from school; and

228 “(8) Community engagement on the Safe Routes to School Program.

229 “Sec. 2e. Action Plans and spot safety assessments.

230 “(a) Beginning June 1, 2024, the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) shall
231 produce an Action Plan for at least 25 schools per school year, with schools prioritized in the
232 order listed in the version of the Safe Streets for Students Master Plan or Master Plan
233 modification most recently approved by the Council.

234 “(b)(1) DDOT shall undertake spot safety assessments upon request.

235 “(2)(A) DDOT may stipulate the manner in which requests for spot safety
236 assessments (“requests”) are to be submitted to the agency but shall provide a method to submit
237 requests to the Safe Routes to School Program.

238 “(B) Requests received by the Safe Routes to School Program shall be
239 posted to DDOT’s Traffic Safety Investigation Dashboard (“dashboard”).

240 “(C)(i) For requests submitted to the Safe Routes to School Program after
241 October 1, 2023, the dashboard shall denote that the service request was submitted to the Safe
242 Routes to School Program.

243 “(ii) As of October 1, 2023, DDOT shall permit residents to sort
244 service requests by those submitted to the Safe Routes to School Program.

245 “(c)(1) DDOT shall install traffic safety infrastructure where called for under an Action
246 Plan, spot safety assessment, or any other assessment or investigation focused on improving
247 traffic safety for a school.

248 “(2) Where a traffic safety installation called for under an Action Plan or spot
249 safety assessment is not completed within one year after the conclusion of the Action Plan or
250 spot safety assessment, DDOT shall provide written notice of the basis for the delay to the
251 principals of schools within one tenth mile of the location of the traffic safety installation, the

252 Ward Councilmember whose ward includes the location of the traffic safety installation, and the
253 Chairs of the Council Committees with oversight of DCPS and the Public Charter School Board.

254 Sec. 2f. School zones.

255 “(a)(1) School zones shall have a daytime speed limit of 15 miles per hour; except, on
256 arterials, the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) may increase the speed limit in
257 school zones to 25 miles per hour at all times except for the hours designated for student drop-off
258 and pick- up for the school day and regular afterschool programming.

259 “(2) DDOT shall post signage on all roadways within a school zone that states the
260 speed limit and warns that the area is a school zone. ~~Signage on arterial roadways where school
261 zone speed limits are in effect shall include flashers.~~

262 “(b) The fine for speeding pursuant to 18 DCMR § 2600.1 shall be doubled when the
263 infraction occurs in a school zone.

264 “Sec. 2g. School Streets Pilot Program.

265 “(a)(1) No later than 18 months after the applicability date of the Safe Streets For
266 Students Amendment Act of 2022 (Bill 24-66), the District Department of Transportation
267 (“DDOT”) shall implement a 2-year (school year) School Streets Pilot Program (“pilot
268 program”) at at least one public school per Ward, and which shall conclude on June 1, 2026.

269 “(2) DDOT, in consultation with the District of Columbia Public Schools, the
270 Public Charter School Board, and school principals, shall identify public schools interested in
271 participating in the pilot program, and notify schools of their selection for the pilot program at
272 least 3 months prior to the implementation date specified in this subsection.

273 “(b) Under the pilot program, DDOT shall, at each participating school:

274 “(1) Designate, in consultation with the school:

275 “(A) At least one roadway adjacent to the school closed to unauthorized
276 motor vehicles during designated hours;

277 “(B) The hours that the roadway is to be closed to unauthorized motor
278 vehicles; however, the designated roadway shall be closed to unauthorized motor vehicles for at
279 least one hour before and one hour after both the start and end of the school day for all days that
280 school is in session; and

281 “(C) Which vehicles are authorized to access the roadways closed during
282 designated hours pursuant to the pilot; DDOT, however, may only authorize access for motor
283 vehicles that are vital to school functions or public safety, and shall endeavor to minimize, if not
284 eliminate, all motor vehicle access on the designated roadways during designated hours;

285 “(2) Assign at least one traffic control officer or crossing guard to the roadways
286 closed to unauthorized motor vehicles during the designated hours at each school; provided, that
287 sufficient staff is available;

288 “(3) Install signage designating the roadway as participating in the pilot program
289 and stating the hours during which the roadway is closed to unauthorized motor vehicle traffic;
290 and

291 “(4) Provide each school with the equipment DDOT deems necessary to prevent
292 motor vehicle through traffic during the designated hours, including temporary bollards or other
293 roadway obstructions.

294 “(c) DDOT may temporarily suspend closure of a roadway closed pursuant to the pilot
295 program where doing so is necessary to preserve public safety, and shall provide notice to the
296 school and the LEA of any such temporary suspension.

297 “(d) No later than 18 months after conclusion of the pilot program, DDOT shall provide a
298 report to the Mayor, Council, Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools, and Public
299 Charter School Board. The report shall include:

300 “(1) A summary of how the pilot program was implemented at each school,
301 including a breakdown of any differences in design, scope, community engagement, cross-
302 agency engagement, or other factors, at each school participating in the pilot program;

303 “(2) An assessment of the effectiveness of the pilot program at each participating
304 school on actual and perceived student, school, and community safety, including, where
305 implementation of the pilot program meaningfully differed between the schools, an analysis of
306 how those differences affected program effectiveness; and

307 “(3) Recommendations on how the program could better enhance student safety,
308 how inefficiencies or redundancies in the pilot program could be reduced, and on how the pilot
309 program could best be expanded to other schools.

310 “Sec. 2h. School crossing guards.

311 “(a) Crossing guards shall be placed at elementary schools and middle or junior high
312 schools where considered necessary by the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”),
313 working collaboratively with the District of Columbia Public Schools (“DCPS”) and the affected
314 local public school or public charter school.

315 “(b)(1) By January 1, 2024, DDOT shall make available an online system that schools
316 may use to submit requests for crossing guards. The online system shall allow for the submission
317 of all information and materials required by DDOT to support a request for a crossing guard.

318 “(2) A school may request a crossing guard at any location within the further of
319 school’s zone or one tenth mile of the school.

320 “(3) A request for a crossing guard submitted pursuant to this subsection must
321 include the time periods in a given day for which the school seeks a crossing guard. A school
322 may request the crossing guard’s hours to extend earlier and later than a typical school day.

323 “(c)(1) Crossing guards shall receive the following training:

324 “(A) Relevant trainings provided or prescribed by the Deputy Mayor for
325 Education for CBOs participating in the Safe Blocks program;

326 “(B) Bystander intervention training;

327 “(C) Training on racial and implicit bias; and

328 “(D) Any other trainings required by DDOT.

329 “(2) DDOT, in consultation with DCPS and public charter local education
330 agencies, shall prescribe a frequency at which crossing guards must receive trainings following
331 their initial placements; provided that crossing guards shall receive the trainings required under
332 paragraph (1) of this subsection at least once every 2 years.

333 “(e) By June 1, 2024, DDOT, in consultation City Administrator, the Deputy Mayor for
334 Education, and the Deputy Mayor for Operations and Infrastructure, shall transmit a plan to the
335 Mayor and Council identifying options for converting existing part-time crossing guard positions
336 to full-time. The plan shall include:

337 “(1) An estimate of the total number of crossing guards needed to serve District
338 schools, where funding and staff availability were not an issue;

339 “(2) An analysis of how many crossing guard positions should be retained as part-
340 time, where funding and staff availability were not an issue;

341 “(3) A list of positions, roles, or services within DDOT and other District
342 agencies that crossing guards could be assigned and reasonably take on during hours that they

343 are not providing crossing guard services, to allow these positions to be converted to full time;
344 and

345 “(4) An analysis of what would be necessary for DDOT to coordinate with other
346 agencies to allow crossing guards to take on these other positions, roles, or services in off-hours,
347 including any barriers, agency concerns, or recommendations to establishing interagency
348 positions.

349 “Sec. 2i. Safe Streets for Students Master Plan.

350 “(a)(1) No later than 12 months after the applicability date of the Safe Streets for
351 Students Amendment Act of 2022 (Bill 24-66), and every 5 years thereafter, the Mayor shall
352 prepare and submit to the Council for its review and approval a comprehensive 5-year Safe
353 Streets for Students Master Plan (“Master Plan”). If approved by the Council, the Master Plan
354 shall take effect on the first day of the succeeding fiscal year.

355 “(2) The Council committee with jurisdiction shall conduct at least one public
356 hearing on the proposed Master Plan before approval.

357 “(3) If, subsequent to Council’s approval of the 5-year Master Plan, material
358 changes to the plan become necessary, the Mayor may modify the plan; provided, that any
359 modification shall be submitted promptly to the Council for review and approval.

360 “(4) Where the Council disapproves of the proposed Master Plan, the Mayor shall
361 revise the Master Plan based on any comments adopted by the Council and resubmit it to the
362 Council for its review and approval within 180 days after the effective date of the disapproval
363 resolution.

364 “(b) The Master Plan shall include:

365 “(1) To be produced by the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”):

366 “(A) An ordered list of all public schools for which DDOT plans to
367 produce and implement an Action Plan during the 5-year period covered by the Master Plan,
368 ordered in accordance with the rubric.

369 “(B) A listing of all schools, ordered by the date that DDOT last produced
370 and implemented an Action Plan for the school, and including the date of the Action Plan; and

371 “(C) A list of the types of traffic safety infrastructure DDOT will consider
372 for implementation at a school facility as part of Action Plan, and the thresholds or standards
373 which DDOT will utilize to determine whether implementation of that infrastructure is
374 appropriate; provided that, DDOT shall adopt standards in the Master Plan to require the
375 installation of the following traffic safety infrastructure for a school as part of an Action Plan
376 unless the agency determines and explains in writing how such installation would not
377 measurably increase safety or would be in conflict with other enumerated engineering
378 requirements:

379 “(i) High-visibility crosswalks at all intersections and crossings;

380 “(ii) Speed bumps, speed humps, speed tables, or speed cushions
381 on roadways adjacent to any public school entrances;

382 “(iii) All-way stops or, where deemed appropriate by DDOT,
383 traffic signals at all intersections;

384 “(iv) Raised crosswalks and curb extensions at intersections
385 adjacent to public school campuses;

386 “(v) Flashing school zone beacons on approaches within a school
387 zone; and

388 “(vi) Mid-block crossing protections such as pylons or flashing
389 pedestrian signs.”

390 “(2) To be produced by the Deputy Mayor a list of priority areas designated under
391 the Safe Blocks program for the upcoming school year, and the Deputy Mayor’s process,
392 including any metrics, standards, or specific data used, to select priority areas; and

393 “(3) To be produced by the Deputy Mayor and DDOT, in consultation with other
394 District agencies involved in the development, design, or implementation of safe passage
395 programming, the Safe Routes to School Program, or student transportation safety:

396 “(A) A description of all services and programs, including pilot programs,
397 executed as part of the Safe Routes to School program, by the Deputy Mayor, or that otherwise
398 have a focus on students’ safe passage or student transportation safety:

399 “(i) That were implemented during the preceding 5-year period;
400 and

401 “(ii) That are to be offered during the 5-year period covered by the
402 Master Plan; and

403 “(B) Where a service or program offered during the preceding 5 year
404 period will be discontinued, the rationale for discontinuing that service or program.

405 “(c)(1)(A) No later than 12 months after the applicability date of the Safe Streets for
406 Students Amendment Act of 2022 (Bill 24-66), and every 5 years thereafter, DDOT shall submit
407 to the Council for its review and approval the rubric that DDOT shall use in the upcoming
408 Master Plan to determine the order that school facilities will receive an Action Plan pursuant to
409 this act.

410 “(B) The proposed rubric shall be submitted to the Council for a 45-day
411 period of review, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, and days of Council recess. If
412 the Council does not approve or disapprove the proposed rubric, in whole or in part, by
413 resolution within this 45-day review period, the proposed rubric shall be deemed approved.

414 “(C) Prior to the submission of the rubric to the Council, DDOT shall post
415 the rubric online in a location accessible to the public.

416 “(2)(A) The rubric required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall, for each
417 public and private school facility in the District, assign the facility a prioritization score from one
418 to 10 based on data obtained by DDOT for the school facility.

419 “(B) In developing the rubric required under paragraph (1) of this
420 subsection, DDOT shall consider inclusion of the following data:

421 “(i) The number of reported traffic injury crashes that occurred
422 within a quarter mile of the school in the preceding 5 years;

423 “(ii) Whether the school is within a quarter mile of one of the
424 District's top 15 crash intersections;

425 “(iii) Whether the school zone includes a principal arterial,
426 interstate, freeway, or expressway;

427 “(iv) The date of implementation of the last Safe Routes to School
428 Action Plan for the school;

429 “(v) The number of schools within one half mile of the school
430 facility; and

431 “(vi) The number of at-risk students enrolled in the school based
432 on the current school year enrollment projection.

433 “(d) In addition to a facility’s prioritization score, DDOT may consider the following
434 factors when determining the prioritization and inclusion of school traffic safety projects in the
435 annual budget and Capital Improvements Plan:

436 “(1) Scope and sequence of projects due to other projects focused on traffic safety
437 within the walk and bike shed of the school undertaken in the preceding 5 years or planned in the
438 most recent enacted Capital Improvements Plan; and

439 “(2) Immediate life and safety concerns.

440 “(e)(1) The following agencies shall be responsible for development of the Master Plan:

441 “(A) The Deputy Mayor; and

442 “(B) DDOT.

443 “(2) The following agencies shall provide support, as requested by the Mayor, for
444 the development of the Master Plan:

445 “(A) The District of Columbia Public Schools (“DCPS”);

446 “(B) The Public Charter School Board (“PCSB”);

447 “(C) Public charter local education agencies;

448 “(D) The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (“WMATA”)

449 and WMATA Metro Transit Police;

450 “(E) The Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice;

451 “(F) The Department of Public Works;

452 “(G) The Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement; and

453 “(H) The Office of Planning.

454 “(f)(1) At least 90 days prior to the submission of the Master Plan to the Council, DDOT
455 shall post the draft Master Plan online and conduct at least 3 public meetings on the draft Master
456 Plan.

457 “(2) Within 7 days after the submission of a Master Plan to Council, DDOT shall
458 transmit to the Council and make the data available on the agency website in a location
459 accessible to the public the raw data used to produce the prioritization scores for each school
460 facility in the Master Plan.

461 “(g) DCPS, PCSB, and individual private schools shall notify DDOT of a new school no
462 later than 90 days before the first day on which students will begin classes at the school.

463 “Sec. 2j. Data Collection and Reporting.

464 “(a) By July 1 of each year, the Deputy Mayor shall publicly post on the Deputy Mayor’s
465 website the following information:

466 “(1) The number and name of community-based organizations participating in
467 safe passage programs;

468 “(2) A list of private businesses and other entities participating in safe passage
469 programs, by priority area;

470 “(3) A summary of any student surveys administered by the Deputy Mayor or
471 local education agencies on safe passage, and submitted to the Deputy Mayor; and

472 “(4) The average distance traveled by students from home to school.

473 “(b) By July 1 of each year, DDOT shall publicly post on the DDOT website the
474 following information:

475 “(1) The number of driver-involved crashes, fatalities, or major injuries that
476 occurred within a quarter mile of a public school in the preceding year, by school;

477 “(2) A list of fulfilled and outstanding Spot safety assessments in each school
478 zone and quarter mile walk shed;

479 “(3) The deployment plan for traffic control officers for the upcoming year; and

480 “(4) The number of bike racks within the school zone.

481 “Sec. 2k. Liability.

482 “Traffic safety infrastructure, where installed and posted throughout the District and
483 made available as the budget allows, pursuant to this act, shall not be deemed obstructions of the
484 road or street. No cause of action at law or in equity, nor any administrative action shall be
485 maintained against the District government for damages by traffic safety infrastructure.”.

486 Sec. 3. Section 102(d)(3) of the School Safety and Security Contracting Procedures Act
487 of 2004, effective April 13, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-350; D.C. Official Code § 5-132.02(d)(3)), is
488 amended by striking the phrase “under section 2(f-1) of the School Proximity Traffic Calming
489 Act of 2000, effective May 23, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-111; D.C. Official Code § 38-3101(f-1))” and
490 inserting the phrase “under section 2i(d)(1) of the School Proximity Traffic Calming Act of
491 2000, as approved by the Committee on Transportation and the Environment on October 20,
492 2022 (Committee print of Bill 24-66)” in its place.

493 Sec. 4. Applicability.

494 (a) This act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved
495 budget and financial plan.

496 (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of its fiscal effect in
497 an approved budget and financial plan, and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council
498 of the certification.

499 (c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in
500 the District of Columbia Register.

501 (2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the
502 applicability of the provisions identified in subsection (a) of this section.

503 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

504 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
505 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
506 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

507 Sec. 6. Effective date.

508 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
509 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
510 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
511 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
512 Columbia Register.