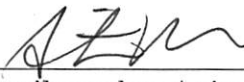



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24 To require the Department of General Services to convene a task force to identify barriers to
25 and develop recommendations for community use of public school facilities and to
26 submit those recommendations to Council.

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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
29 act may be cited as the “Community Use of School Facilities Task Force Establishment Act
30 of 2017”.

31 Sec. 2. Definitions.

32 (a) “Community use” means the practice of allowing community members to use
33 school facilities for physical recreation before or after school hours, including during
34 evenings, weekends, and school vacations.

35 (b) “High-need community” means a neighborhood cluster with either a prevalence
36 of obesity or where 50% or more of school-age children qualify for free or reduced-price
37 school meals.

38 (c) "School facilities" means fields, playgrounds, gymnasiums, multipurpose rooms,
39 and other areas under the control of the Department of General Services or District of
40 Columbia Public Schools.

41 Sec. 3. Community Use of School Facilities Task Force.

42 (a) By October 1, 2017, the Department of General Services shall establish a
43 Community Use of School Facilities Task Force to:

44 (1) Identify existing barriers to community use;

45 (2) Develop recommendations to address those barriers, including
46 recommendations other than shifting liability for loss or injury resulting from community
47 use away from the District;

48 (3) Determine projected costs for community use and develop
49 recommendations for how to address those costs, including options for subsidizing costs
50 passed on to users in high-need communities;

51 (4) Develop recommendations for allowable types of community use;

52 (5) Develop recommendations for a District-wide policy to allow for
53 community use;

54 (6) Develop a model agreement for community use by organized groups; and

55 (7) Identify any regulatory or statutory changes necessary to implement
56 community use.

57 (b) The Task Force shall consult with organizations and individuals with experience
58 on obesity, community health, personal or group liability insurance, and tort liability.

59 (c) The Task Force shall be composed as follows:

60 (1) The Director of the Department of General Services, or his or her
61 designee;

62 (2) The Chancellor of District of Columbia Public Schools, or his or her
63 designee;

64 (3) The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his or her
65 designee;

66 (4) Two representatives from parent teacher associations or organizations;

67 (5) Two representatives from community-based recreational programs
68 serving high-need communities; and

69 (6) Two representatives from organizations that provide recreational
70 programming for children.

71 (d)(1) By March 1, 2018, the Task Force shall transmit a report to the Council that
72 includes the results of the assessments and recommendations developed pursuant to
73 subsection (a) of this section.

74 (2) The report shall focus on policies and practices for increasing community
75 use of school facilities for both organized and casual recreation, with an emphasis on
76 promoting healthy activity.

77 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

81 Sec. 5. Effective date.

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