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15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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20 To require D.C. Public School principals to consider whether alternatives to suspension, such as
21 restorative justice, are more appropriate than suspension and to require each D.C. Public
22 School to report suspension rates on a monthly basis to the chancellor.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may
25 be cited as the “D.C. Public Schools Alternatives to Suspension Amendment Act of 2017”.

26 Sec. 2. Alternatives to Suspension

27 Section 2505.4 of Title 5-B of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended by
28 adding a new subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

29 “(f-1) If the principal is recommending Suspension, the principal shall consider and justify in
30 writing why Suspension is a more appropriate disciplinary action than alternatives to Suspension,
31 including restorative justice, community service, restitution, detention/study hall, behavior mediation and
32 appropriate educational services plan to meet the student’s need.”

33 Sec. 3. Monthly Reporting Requirements

34 Section 202 of the Attendance Accountability Amendment Act of 2013, effective June 23, 2015
35 (D.C. Law 21-12; D.C. Official Code 38-236), is amended by adding a new subsection (a-1) to read as
36 follows:

37 “(a-1) The chancellor shall require each District of Columbia Public School to submit a monthly
38 report of suspensions authorized by each principal, including the names of the schools, number of
39 students suspended, the number of days of suspension, rationale for each suspension, justification to
40 support suspension before any alternative methods, verification of notification of suspension and
41 attendance at conference and disciplinary actions taken by the school. The chancellor shall submit a
42 report aggregating this data to the Mayor and Council on a quarterly basis.”.

43 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

44 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact
45 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16,
46 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

47 Sec. 5. Effective date.

48 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor,
49 action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section
50 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C.
51 Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.