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**AN ACT**

To reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES IN ACT.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Reauthoriza-  
6 tion Act” or the “SOAR Reauthorization Act”.

7 (b) REFERENCES IN ACT.—Except as otherwise ex-  
8 pressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment is

1 expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a sec-  
2 tion or other provision, the reference shall be considered  
3 to be made to that section or other provision of the Schol-  
4 arships for Opportunity and Results Act (division C of  
5 Public Law 112–10; sec. 38–1853.01 et seq., D.C. Official  
6 Code).

7 **SEC. 2. REPEAL.**

8 Section 817 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,  
9 2016 (Public Law 114–113) is repealed, and any provision  
10 of law amended or repealed by such section is restored  
11 or revived as if such section had not been enacted into  
12 law.

13 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

14 Section 3003 (sec. 38–1853.03, D.C. Official Code)  
15 is amended by striking “particularly parents” and all that  
16 follows through “, with” and inserting “particularly par-  
17 ents of students who attend an elementary school or sec-  
18 ondary school identified as one of the lowest-performing  
19 schools under the District of Columbia’s accountability  
20 system, with”.

21 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITING IMPOSITION OF LIMITS ON TYPES OF**  
22 **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE**  
23 **PROGRAM.**

24 Section 3004(a) (sec. 38–1853.04(a), D.C. Official  
25 Code) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1           “(3) PROHIBITING IMPOSITION OF LIMITS ON  
2 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PRO-  
3 GRAM.—

4           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the  
5 program under this division, the Secretary may  
6 not limit the number of eligible students receiv-  
7 ing scholarships under section 3007(a), and  
8 may not prevent otherwise eligible students  
9 from participating in the program under this  
10 division, based on any of the following:

11           “(i) The type of school the student  
12 previously attended.

13           “(ii) Whether or not the student pre-  
14 viously received a scholarship or partici-  
15 pated in the program, including whether  
16 an eligible student was awarded a scholar-  
17 ship in any previous year but has not used  
18 the scholarship, regardless of the number  
19 of years of nonuse.

20           “(iii) Whether or not the student was  
21 a member of the control group used by the  
22 Institute of Education Sciences to carry  
23 out previous evaluations of the program  
24 under section 3009.

1           “(B) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing  
 2           in subparagraph (A) may be construed to waive  
 3           the requirement under section 3005(b)(1)(B)  
 4           that the eligible entity carrying out the program  
 5           under this Act must carry out a random selec-  
 6           tion process, which gives weight to the priorities  
 7           described in section 3006, if more eligible stu-  
 8           dents seek admission in the program than the  
 9           program can accommodate.”.

10 **SEC. 5. REQUIRING ELIGIBLE ENTITIES TO UTILIZE INTER-**  
 11 **NAL FISCAL AND QUALITY CONTROLS.**

12           Section 3005(b)(1) (sec. 38–1853.05(b)(1), D.C. Of-  
 13           ficial Code) is amended—

14           (1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “, except  
 15           that a participating school may not be required to  
 16           submit to more than 1 site visit per school year”;

17           (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (K) and  
 18           (L) as subparagraphs (L) and (M), respectively;

19           (3) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the fol-  
 20           lowing:

21           “(K) how the entity will ensure the finan-  
 22           cial viability of participating schools in which  
 23           85 percent or more of the total number of stu-  
 24           dents enrolled at the school are participating el-

1 eligible students that receive and use an oppor-  
2 tunity scholarship;”;

3 (4) in subparagraph (L), as redesignated by  
4 paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the end; and

5 (5) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(N) how the eligible entity will ensure  
7 that it—

8 “(i) utilizes internal fiscal and quality  
9 controls; and

10 “(ii) complies with applicable financial  
11 reporting requirements and the require-  
12 ments of this division; and”.

13 **SEC. 6. CLARIFICATION OF PRIORITIES FOR AWARDING**  
14 **SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.**

15 Section 3006(1) (sec. 38–1853.06(1), D.C. Official  
16 Code) is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “attended”  
18 and all that follows through the semicolon and in-  
19 serting “attended an elementary school or secondary  
20 school identified as one of the lowest-performing  
21 schools under the District of Columbia’s account-  
22 ability system; and”;

23 (2) by striking subparagraph (B);

24 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-  
25 paragraph (B); and

1           (4) in subparagraph (B), as redesignated by  
2           paragraph (3), by striking the semicolon at the end  
3           and inserting “or whether such students have, in the  
4           past, attended a private school;”.

5 **SEC. 7. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICI-**  
6 **PATING SCHOOLS AND ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**

7           (a) **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; COMPLIANCE**  
8 **WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 3007(a)(4)  
9 (sec. 38–1853.07(a)(4), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

10           (1) in subparagraph (E), by striking “and” at  
11           the end;

12           (2) by striking subparagraph (F) and inserting  
13           the following:

14                   “(F) ensures that, with respect to core  
15           subject matter, participating students are  
16           taught by a teacher who has a baccalaureate  
17           degree or equivalent degree, whether such de-  
18           gree was awarded in or outside of the United  
19           States;”; and

20           (3) by adding at the end the following:

21                   “(G) conducts criminal background checks  
22           on school employees who have direct and unsu-  
23           pervised interaction with students; and

1           “(H) complies with all requests for data  
2           and information regarding the reporting re-  
3           quirements described in section 3010.”.

4           (b) ACCREDITATION.—Section 3007(a) (sec. 38–  
5 1853.07(a), D.C. Official Code), as amended by subsection  
6 (a), is further amended—

7           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraphs  
8           (2) and (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (2), (3), and  
9           (5)”; and

10          (2) by adding at the end the following:

11          “(5) ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS.—

12                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds  
13                 provided under this division for opportunity  
14                 scholarships may be used by a participating eli-  
15                 gible student to enroll in a participating private  
16                 school unless the school—

17                         “(i) in the case of a school that is a  
18                         participating school as of the date of en-  
19                         actment of the SOAR Reauthorization  
20                         Act—

21                                 “(I) is fully accredited by an ac-  
22                                 crediting body described in any of  
23                                 subparagraphs (A) through (G) of  
24                                 section 2202(16) of the District of  
25                                 Columbia School Reform Act of 1995

1 (Public Law 104–134; sec. 38–  
2 1802.02(16)(A)–(G), D.C. Official  
3 Code); or

4 “(II) if such participating school  
5 does not meet the requirements of  
6 subclause (I)—

7 “(aa) not later than 1 year  
8 after the date of enactment of  
9 the Consolidated Appropriations  
10 Act, 2016 (Public Law 114–  
11 113), the school is pursuing full  
12 accreditation by an accrediting  
13 body described in subclause (I);  
14 and

15 “(bb) is fully accredited by  
16 such an accrediting body not  
17 later than 5 years after the date  
18 on which that school began the  
19 process of pursuing full accredi-  
20 tation in accordance with item  
21 (aa); and

22 “(ii) in the case of a school that is not  
23 a participating school as of the date of en-  
24 actment of the SOAR Reauthorization Act,  
25 is fully accredited by an accrediting body

1           described in clause (i)(I) before becoming a  
2           participating school under this division.

3           “(B) REPORTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—Not  
4           later than 5 years after the date of enactment  
5           of the SOAR Reauthorization Act, each partici-  
6           pating school shall submit to the eligible entity  
7           a certification that the school has been fully ac-  
8           credited in accordance with subparagraph (A).

9           “(C) ASSISTING STUDENTS IN ENROLLING  
10          IN OTHER SCHOOLS.—If a participating school  
11          fails to meet the requirements of this para-  
12          graph, the eligible entity shall assist the parents  
13          of the participating eligible students who attend  
14          the school in identifying, applying to, and en-  
15          rolling in another participating school under  
16          this division.

17          “(6) TREATMENT OF STUDENTS AWARDED A  
18          SCHOLARSHIP IN A PREVIOUS YEAR.—An eligible en-  
19          tity shall treat a participating eligible student who  
20          was awarded an opportunity scholarship in any pre-  
21          vious year and who has not used the scholarship as  
22          a renewal student and not as a new applicant, with-  
23          out regard as to—

24                  “(A) whether the eligible student has used  
25                  the scholarship; and

1           “(B) the year in which the scholarship was  
2           previously awarded.”.

3           (c) REQUIRING USE OF FUNDS REMAINING UNOBLI-  
4 GATED FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3007 (sec. 38-  
6           1853.07, D.C. Official Code) is amended by adding  
7           at the end the following:

8           “(e) REQUIRING USE OF FUNDS REMAINING UNOB-  
9 LIGATED FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that any  
11           funds appropriated for the opportunity scholarship  
12           program under this division for any fiscal year re-  
13           main available for subsequent fiscal years under sec-  
14           tion 3014(c), the Secretary shall make such funds  
15           available to eligible entities receiving grants under  
16           section 3004(a) for the uses described in paragraph  
17           (2)—

18           “(A) in the case of any remaining funds  
19           that were appropriated before the date of enact-  
20           ment of the SOAR Reauthorization Act, begin-  
21           ning on the date of enactment of such Act; and

22           “(B) in the case of any remaining funds  
23           appropriated on or after the date of enactment  
24           of such Act, by the first day of the first subse-  
25           quent fiscal year.

1           “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—If an eligible entity to  
2           which the Secretary provided additional funds under  
3           paragraph (1) elects to use such funds during a fis-  
4           cal year, the eligible entity shall use—

5                   “(A) not less than 95 percent of such addi-  
6                   tional funds to provide additional scholarships  
7                   for eligible students under section 3007(a), or  
8                   to increase the amount of the scholarships, dur-  
9                   ing such year; and

10                   “(B) not more than a total of 5 percent of  
11                   such additional funds for administrative ex-  
12                   penses, parental assistance, or tutoring, as de-  
13                   scribed in subsections (b) and (c), during such  
14                   year.

15           “(3) SPECIAL RULE.—Any amounts made avail-  
16           able for administrative expenses, parental assistance,  
17           or tutoring under paragraph (2)(B) shall be in addi-  
18           tion to any other amounts made available for such  
19           purposes in accordance with subsections (b) and  
20           (c).”.

21           (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
22           by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date of en-  
23           actment of this Act.

24           (d) USE OF FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES  
25           AND PARENTAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 3007 (sec. 38–

1 1853.07, D.C. Official Code), as amended by this section,  
2 is further amended—

3 (1) by striking subsections (b) and (c) and in-  
4 serting the following:

5 “(b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND PARENTAL  
6 ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall make \$2,000,000 of  
7 the amount made available under section 3014(a)(1) for  
8 each fiscal year available to eligible entities receiving a  
9 grant under section 3004(a) to cover the following ex-  
10 penses:

11 “(1) The administrative expenses of carrying  
12 out its program under this division during the year,  
13 including—

14 “(A) determining the eligibility of students  
15 to participate;

16 “(B) selecting the eligible students to re-  
17 ceive scholarships;

18 “(C) determining the amount of the schol-  
19 arships and issuing the scholarships to eligible  
20 students;

21 “(D) compiling and maintaining financial  
22 and programmatic records;

23 “(E) conducting site visits as described in  
24 section 3005(b)(1)(I); and

1           “(F)(i) conducting a study, including a  
2 survey of participating parents, on any barriers  
3 for participating eligible students in gaining ad-  
4 mission to, or attending, the participating  
5 school that is their first choice; and

6           “(ii) not later than the end of the first full  
7 fiscal year after the date of enactment of the  
8 SOAR Reauthorization Act, submitting a report  
9 to Congress that contains the results of such  
10 study.

11          “(2) The expenses of educating parents about  
12 the eligible entity’s program under this division, and  
13 assisting parents through the application process  
14 under this division, including—

15           “(A) providing information about the pro-  
16 gram and the participating schools to parents  
17 of eligible students, including information on  
18 supplemental financial aid that may be available  
19 at participating schools;

20           “(B) providing funds to assist parents of  
21 students in meeting expenses that might other-  
22 wise preclude the participation of eligible stu-  
23 dents in the program; and

24           “(C) streamlining the application process  
25 for parents.”; and

1           (2) by redesignating subsection (d), and sub-  
2           section (e) (as added by subsection (c)(1)), as sub-  
3           sections (c) and (d), respectively.

4           (e) CLARIFICATION OF USE OF FUNDS FOR STU-  
5           DENT ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE.—Section 3007(c) (sec. 38–  
6           1853.07(c), D.C. Official Code), as redesignated by sub-  
7           section (d)(2), is amended by striking “previously at-  
8           tended” and all that follows through the period at the end  
9           and inserting “previously attended an elementary school  
10          or secondary school identified as one of the lowest-per-  
11          forming schools under the District of Columbia’s account-  
12          ability system.”.

13       **SEC. 8. PROGRAM EVALUATION.**

14          (a) REVISION OF EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND  
15          REQUIREMENTS.—

16               (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3009(a) (sec. 38–  
17               1853.09(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended to read  
18               as follows:

19               “(a) IN GENERAL.—

20                       “(1) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY AND THE  
21                       MAYOR.—The Secretary and the Mayor of the Dis-  
22                       trict of Columbia shall—

23                               “(A) jointly enter into an agreement with  
24                               the Institute of Education Sciences of the De-  
25                               partment of Education to evaluate annually the

1 opportunity scholarship program under this di-  
2 vision;

3 “(B) jointly enter into an agreement to  
4 monitor and evaluate the use of funds author-  
5 ized and appropriated for the District of Co-  
6 lumbia public schools and the District of Co-  
7 lumbia public charter schools under this divi-  
8 sion; and

9 “(C) make the evaluations described in  
10 subparagraphs (A) and (B) public in accord-  
11 ance with subsection (c).

12 “(2) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Sec-  
13 retary, through a grant, contract, or cooperative  
14 agreement, shall—

15 “(A) ensure that the evaluation under  
16 paragraph (1)(A)—

17 “(i) is conducted using an acceptable  
18 quasi-experimental research design for de-  
19 termining the effectiveness of the oppor-  
20 tunity scholarship program under this divi-  
21 sion that does not use a control study  
22 group consisting of students who applied  
23 for but did not receive opportunity scholar-  
24 ships; and

1                   “(ii) addresses the issues described in  
2                   paragraph (4); and

3                   “(B) disseminate information on the im-  
4                   pact of the program—

5                   “(i) in increasing academic achieve-  
6                   ment and educational attainment of par-  
7                   ticipating eligible students who use an op-  
8                   portunity scholarship; and

9                   “(ii) on students and schools in the  
10                  District of Columbia.

11                  “(3) DUTIES OF THE INSTITUTE OF EDU-  
12                  CATION SCIENCES.—The Institute of Education  
13                  Sciences of the Department of Education shall—

14                  “(A) assess participating eligible students  
15                  who use an opportunity scholarship in each of  
16                  grades 3 through 8, as well as one of the grades  
17                  at the high school level, by supervising the ad-  
18                  ministration of the same reading and mathe-  
19                  matics assessment used by the District of Co-  
20                  lumbia public schools to comply with section  
21                  1111(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
22                  cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b));

23                  “(B) measure the academic achievement of  
24                  all participating eligible students who use an

1 opportunity scholarship in the grades described  
2 in subparagraph (A); and

3 “(C) work with eligible entities receiving a  
4 grant under this division to ensure that the par-  
5 ents of each student who is a participating eli-  
6 gible student that uses an opportunity scholar-  
7 ship agrees to permit their child to participate  
8 in the evaluations and assessments carried out  
9 by the Institute of Education Sciences under  
10 this subsection.

11 “(4) ISSUES TO BE EVALUATED.—The issues to  
12 be evaluated under paragraph (1)(A) shall include  
13 the following:

14 “(A) A comparison of the academic  
15 achievement of participating eligible students  
16 who use an opportunity scholarship on the  
17 measurements described in paragraph (3)(B) to  
18 the academic achievement of a comparison  
19 group of students with similar backgrounds in  
20 the District of Columbia public schools.

21 “(B) The success of the program under  
22 this division in expanding choice options for  
23 parents of participating eligible students and  
24 increasing the satisfaction of such parents and  
25 students with their choice.

1           “(C) The reasons parents of participating  
2 eligible students choose for their children to  
3 participate in the program, including important  
4 characteristics for selecting schools.

5           “(D) A comparison of the retention rates,  
6 high school graduation rates, college enrollment  
7 rates, college persistence rates, and college  
8 graduation rates of participating eligible stu-  
9 dents who use an opportunity scholarship with  
10 the rates of students in the comparison group  
11 described in subparagraph (A).

12           “(E) A comparison of the college enroll-  
13 ment rates, college persistence rates, and col-  
14 lege graduation rates of students who partici-  
15 pated in the program in 2004, 2005, 2011,  
16 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 as the result of  
17 winning the Opportunity Scholarship Program  
18 lottery with such enrollment, persistence, and  
19 graduation rates for students who entered but  
20 did not win such lottery in those years and who,  
21 as a result, served as the control group for pre-  
22 vious evaluations of the program under this di-  
23 vision. Nothing in this subparagraph may be  
24 construed to waive section 3004(a)(3)(A)(iii)  
25 with respect to any such student.

1           “(F) A comparison of the safety of the  
2 schools attended by participating eligible stu-  
3 dents who use an opportunity scholarship and  
4 the schools in the District of Columbia attended  
5 by students in the comparison group described  
6 in subparagraph (A), based on the perceptions  
7 of the students and parents.

8           “(G) An assessment of student academic  
9 achievement at participating schools in which  
10 85 percent of the total number of students en-  
11 rolled at the school are participating eligible  
12 students who receive and use an opportunity  
13 scholarship.

14           “(H) Such other issues with respect to  
15 participating eligible students who use an op-  
16 portunity scholarship as the Secretary considers  
17 appropriate for inclusion in the evaluation, such  
18 as the impact of the program on public elemen-  
19 tary schools and secondary schools in the Dis-  
20 trict of Columbia.

21           “(5) PROHIBITING DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL  
22 INFORMATION.—

23           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any disclosure of per-  
24 sonally identifiable information obtained under  
25 this division shall be in compliance with section

1 444 of the General Education Provisions Act  
2 (commonly known as the ‘Family Educational  
3 Rights and Privacy Act of 1974’) (20 U.S.C.  
4 1232g).

5 “(B) STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING PUBLIC  
6 SCHOOLS.—With respect to any student who is  
7 not attending a public elementary school or sec-  
8 ondary school, personally identifiable informa-  
9 tion obtained under this division shall only be  
10 disclosed to—

11 “(i) individuals carrying out the eval-  
12 uation described in paragraph (1)(A) for  
13 such student;

14 “(ii) the group of individuals pro-  
15 viding information for carrying out the  
16 evaluation of such student; and

17 “(iii) the parents of such student.”.

18 (2) TRANSITION OF EVALUATION.—

19 (A) TERMINATION OF PREVIOUS EVALUA-  
20 TIONS.—The Secretary of Education shall—

21 (i) terminate the evaluations con-  
22 ducted under section 3009(a) of the Schol-  
23 arships for Opportunity and Results Act  
24 (sec. 38–1853.09(a), D.C. Official Code),  
25 as in effect on the day before the date of

1 enactment of this Act, after obtaining data  
2 for the 2016–2017 school year; and

3 (ii) submit any reports required for  
4 the 2016–2017 school year or preceding  
5 years with respect to the evaluations in ac-  
6 cordance with section 3009(b) of such Act.

7 (B) NEW EVALUATIONS.—

8 (i) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning  
9 with respect to the 2017–2018 school year,  
10 the Secretary shall conduct new evalua-  
11 tions in accordance with the provisions of  
12 section 3009(a) of the Scholarships for Op-  
13 portunity and Results Act (sec. 38–  
14 1853.09(a), D.C. Official Code), as amend-  
15 ed by this Act.

16 (ii) MOST RECENT EVALUATION.—As  
17 a component of the new evaluations de-  
18 scribed in clause (i), the Secretary shall  
19 continue to monitor and evaluate the stu-  
20 dents who were evaluated in the most re-  
21 cent evaluation under such section prior to  
22 the date of enactment of this Act, includ-  
23 ing by monitoring and evaluating the test  
24 scores and other information of such stu-  
25 dents.

1 (b) DUTY OF MAYOR TO ENSURE INSTITUTE HAS  
 2 ALL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT EVALUA-  
 3 TIONS.—Section 3011(a)(1) (sec. 38–1853.11(a)(1), D.C.  
 4 Official Code) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(1) INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT  
 6 EVALUATIONS.—Ensure that all District of Colum-  
 7 bia public schools and District of Columbia public  
 8 charter schools make available to the Institute of  
 9 Education Sciences of the Department of Education  
 10 all of the information the Institute requires to carry  
 11 out the assessments and perform the evaluations re-  
 12 quired under section 3009(a).”

13 **SEC. 9. FUNDING FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC**  
 14 **SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

15 (a) MANDATORY WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS FOR  
 16 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS.—Section  
 17 3011(b) (sec. 38–1853.11(b), D.C. Official Code) is  
 18 amended to read as follows:

19 “(b) ENFORCEMENT.—If, after reasonable notice and  
 20 an opportunity for a hearing, the Secretary determines  
 21 that the Mayor has failed to comply with any of the re-  
 22 quirements of subsection (a), the Secretary may withhold  
 23 from the Mayor, in whole or in part—

24 “(1) the funds otherwise authorized to be ap-  
 25 propriated under section 3014(a)(2), if the failure to

1       comply relates to the District of Columbia public  
2       schools;

3           “(2) the funds otherwise authorized to be ap-  
4       propriated under section 3014(a)(3), if the failure to  
5       comply relates to the District of Columbia public  
6       charter schools; or

7           “(3) the funds otherwise authorized to be ap-  
8       propriated under both paragraphs (2) and (3) of  
9       section 3014(a), if the failure relates to both the  
10      District of Columbia public schools and the District  
11      of Columbia public charter schools.”.

12      (b) RULES FOR USE OF FUNDS PROVIDED FOR SUP-  
13      PORT OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.—Section 3011  
14      (sec. 38–1853.11, D.C. Official Code), as amended by sec-  
15      tion 7(b) and section 8(a), is further amended—

16           (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
17      section (d); and

18           (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
19      lowing new subsection:

20      “(c) SPECIFIC RULES REGARDING FUNDS PROVIDED  
21      FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.—The fol-  
22      lowing rules shall apply with respect to the funds provided  
23      under this division for the support of District of Columbia  
24      public charter schools:

1           “(1) The Secretary may direct the funds pro-  
2           vided for any fiscal year, or any portion thereof, to  
3           the Office of the State Superintendent of Education  
4           of the District of Columbia.

5           “(2) The Office of the State Superintendent of  
6           Education of the District of Columbia may transfer  
7           the funds to subgrantees that are—

8                   “(A) specific District of Columbia public  
9                   charter schools or networks of such schools; or

10                   “(B) District of Columbia-based nonprofit  
11                   organizations with experience in successfully  
12                   providing support or assistance to District of  
13                   Columbia public charter schools or networks of  
14                   such schools.

15           “(3) The funds provided under this division for  
16           the support of District of Columbia public charter  
17           schools shall be available to any District of Columbia  
18           public charter school in good standing with the Dis-  
19           trict of Columbia Charter School Board, and the Of-  
20           fice of the State Superintendent of Education of the  
21           District of Columbia and the District of Columbia  
22           Charter School Board may not restrict the avail-  
23           ability of such funds to certain types of schools on  
24           the basis of the school’s location, governing body, or  
25           the school’s facilities.”.

1 **SEC. 10. REVISION OF CURRENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-**  
2 **STANDING.**

3 Not later than the beginning of the 2017–2018 school  
4 year, the Secretary of Education and the Mayor of the  
5 District of Columbia shall revise the memorandum of un-  
6 derstanding which is in effect under section 3012(d) of  
7 the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act as of  
8 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act to  
9 address the following:

10 (1) The amendments made by this Act.

11 (2) The need to ensure that participating  
12 schools under the Scholarships for Opportunity and  
13 Results Act meet fire code standards and maintain  
14 certificates of occupancy.

15 (3) The need to ensure that District of Colum-  
16 bia public schools and District of Columbia public  
17 charter schools meet the requirements under such  
18 Act to comply with all reasonable requests for infor-  
19 mation necessary to carry out the evaluations re-  
20 quired under section 3009(a) of such Act.

21 **SEC. 11. DEFINITIONS.**

22 Section 3013 (sec. 38–1853.13, D.C. Official Code)  
23 is amended—

24 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through  
25 (10) as paragraphs (2) through (11), respectively;



1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a)(2) shall take effect on the date of enact-  
3 ment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 Except as otherwise provided, the amendments made  
6 by this Act shall apply with respect to school year 2017–  
7 2018 and each succeeding school year.

Passed the House of Representatives April 29, 2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*

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JULY 14, 2016

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