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

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Mr. CHAFFETZ (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, Ms. FOXX, Mr. MESSER, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. HARRIS, and Mr. DESANTIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## A BILL

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  
9 expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a sec-

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

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL.**

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8 2016 (Public Law 114–113) is repealed, and any provision  
9 of law amended or repealed by such section is restored  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

12 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

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

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

23 Section 3004(a) (sec. 38–1853.04(a), D.C. Official  
24 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 sserting “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) USE OF FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES  
4 AND PARENTAL ASSISTANCE.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3007 (sec. 38–  
6           1853.07, D.C. Official Code) is amended—

7                   (A) by striking subsections (b) and (c) and  
8                   inserting the following:

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

15                   “(1) The administrative expenses of carrying  
16                   out its program under this division during the year,  
17                   including—

18                           “(A) determining the eligibility of students  
19                           to participate;

20                           “(B) selecting the eligible students to re-  
21                           ceive scholarships;

22                           “(C) determining the amount of the schol-  
23                           arships and issuing the scholarships to eligible  
24                           students;

1           “(D) compiling and maintaining financial  
2           and programmatic records;

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

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

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

15           “(2) The expenses of educating parents about  
16           the eligible entity’s program under this division, and  
17           assisting parents through the application process  
18           under this division, including—

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

24           “(B) providing funds to assist parents of  
25           students in meeting expenses that might other-

1 wise preclude the participation of eligible stu-  
2 dents in the program; and

3 “(C) streamlining the application process  
4 for parents.”;

5 (B) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
6 section (e); and

7 (C) by redesignating subsection (e), as  
8 added by section 162(b) of the Continuing Ap-  
9 propriations Act, 2017 (division C of Public  
10 Law 114–223, as amended by section 101(3) of  
11 the Further Continuing and Security Assistance  
12 Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 114–  
13 254)), as subsection (d).

14 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
15 3007(d) (sec. 38–1853.07(d), D.C. Official Code), as  
16 redesignated by paragraph (1)(C), is amended by  
17 striking “subsections (b), (c), and (d)” each place it  
18 appears in paragraphs (2)(B) and (3) and inserting  
19 “subsections (b) and (c)”.

20 (d) CLARIFICATION OF USE OF FUNDS FOR STU-  
21 DENT ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE.—Section 3007(c) (sec. 38–  
22 1853.07(c), D.C. Official Code), as redesignated by sub-  
23 section (e)(1)(B), is amended by striking “previously at-  
24 tended” and all that follows through the period at the end  
25 and inserting “previously attended an elementary school

1 or secondary school identified as one of the lowest-per-  
2 forming schools under the District of Columbia’s account-  
3 ability system.”.

4 **SEC. 8. PROGRAM EVALUATION.**

5 (a) REVISION OF EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND  
6 REQUIREMENTS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3009(a) (sec. 38-  
8 1853.09(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

11 “(1) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY AND THE  
12 MAYOR.—The Secretary and the Mayor of the Dis-  
13 trict of Columbia shall—

14 “(A) jointly enter into an agreement with  
15 the Institute of Education Sciences of the De-  
16 partment of Education to evaluate annually the  
17 opportunity scholarship program under this di-  
18 vision;

19 “(B) jointly enter into an agreement to  
20 monitor and evaluate the use of funds author-  
21 ized and appropriated for the District of Co-  
22 lumbia public schools and the District of Co-  
23 lumbia public charter schools under this divi-  
24 sion; and

1           “(C) make the evaluations described in  
2           subparagraphs (A) and (B) public in accord-  
3           ance with subsection (c).

4           “(2) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Sec-  
5           retary, through a grant, contract, or cooperative  
6           agreement, shall—

7           “(A) ensure that the evaluation under  
8           paragraph (1)(A)—

9           “(i) is conducted using an acceptable  
10           quasi-experimental research design for de-  
11           termining the effectiveness of the oppor-  
12           tunity scholarship program under this divi-  
13           sion that does not use a control study  
14           group consisting of students who applied  
15           for but did not receive opportunity scholar-  
16           ships; and

17           “(ii) addresses the issues described in  
18           paragraph (4); and

19           “(B) disseminate information on the im-  
20           pact of the program—

21           “(i) on academic achievement and  
22           educational attainment of participating eli-  
23           gible students who use an opportunity  
24           scholarship; and

1                   “(ii) on students and schools in the  
2                   District of Columbia.

3                   “(3) DUTIES OF THE INSTITUTE ON EDU-  
4                   CATION SCIENCES.—The Institute of Education  
5                   Sciences of the Department of Education shall—

6                   “(A) assess participating eligible students  
7                   who use an opportunity scholarship in each of  
8                   grades 3 through 8, as well as one of the grades  
9                   at the high school level, by supervising the ad-  
10                  ministration of the same reading and mathe-  
11                  matics assessment used by the District of Co-  
12                  lumbia public schools to comply with section  
13                  1111(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
14                  cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b));

15                  “(B) measure the academic achievement of  
16                  all participating eligible students who use an  
17                  opportunity scholarship in the grades described  
18                  in subparagraph (A); and

19                  “(C) work with eligible entities receiving a  
20                  grant under this division to ensure that the par-  
21                  ents of each student who is a participating eli-  
22                  gible student that uses an opportunity scholar-  
23                  ship agrees to permit their child to participate  
24                  in the evaluations and assessments carried out

1 by the Institute of Education Sciences under  
2 this subsection.

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

6 “(A) A comparison of the academic  
7 achievement of participating eligible students  
8 who use an opportunity scholarship on the  
9 measurements described in paragraph (3)(B) to  
10 the academic achievement of a comparison  
11 group of students with similar backgrounds in  
12 the District of Columbia public schools and the  
13 District of Columbia public charter schools.

14 “(B) The success of the program under  
15 this division in expanding choice options for  
16 parents of participating eligible students and  
17 increasing the satisfaction of such parents and  
18 students with their choice.

19 “(C) The reasons parents of participating  
20 eligible students choose for their children to  
21 participate in the program, including important  
22 characteristics for selecting schools.

23 “(D) A comparison of the retention rates,  
24 high school graduation rates, college enrollment  
25 rates, college persistence rates, and college



1 graduation rates of participating eligible stu-  
2 dents who use an opportunity scholarship with  
3 the rates of students in the comparison group  
4 described in subparagraph (A).

5 “(E) A comparison of the college enroll-  
6 ment rates, college persistence rates, and col-  
7 lege graduation rates of students who partici-  
8 pated in the program in 2004, 2005, 2011,  
9 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 as the result of  
10 winning the Opportunity Scholarship Program  
11 lottery with such enrollment, persistence, and  
12 graduation rates for students who entered but  
13 did not win such lottery in those years and who,  
14 as a result, served as the control group for pre-  
15 vious evaluations of the program under this di-  
16 vision. Nothing in this subparagraph may be  
17 construed to waive section 3004(a)(3)(A)(iii)  
18 with respect to any such student.

19 “(F) A comparison of the safety of the  
20 schools attended by participating eligible stu-  
21 dents who use an opportunity scholarship and  
22 the schools in the District of Columbia attended  
23 by students in the comparison group described  
24 in subparagraph (A), based on the perceptions  
25 of the students and parents.

1           “(G) An assessment of student academic  
2 achievement at participating schools in which  
3 85 percent of the total number of students en-  
4 rolled at the school are participating eligible  
5 students who receive and use an opportunity  
6 scholarship.

7           “(H) Such other issues with respect to  
8 participating eligible students who use an op-  
9 portunity scholarship as the Secretary considers  
10 appropriate for inclusion in the evaluation, such  
11 as the impact of the program on public elemen-  
12 tary schools and secondary schools in the Dis-  
13 trict of Columbia.

14           “(5) PROHIBITING DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL  
15 INFORMATION.—

16           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any disclosure of per-  
17 sonally identifiable information obtained under  
18 this division shall be in compliance with section  
19 444 of the General Education Provisions Act  
20 (commonly known as the ‘Family Educational  
21 Rights and Privacy Act of 1974’) (20 U.S.C.  
22 1232g).

23           “(B) STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING PUBLIC  
24 SCHOOL.—With respect to any student who is  
25 not attending a public elementary school or sec-

1           ondary school, personally identifiable informa-  
2           tion obtained under this division shall only be  
3           disclosed to—

4                   “(i) individuals carrying out the eval-  
5                   uation described in paragraph (1)(A) for  
6                   such student;

7                   “(ii) the group of individuals pro-  
8                   viding information for carrying out the  
9                   evaluation of such student; and

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

11           (2) TRANSITION OF EVALUATION.—

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

14                           (i) terminate the evaluations con-  
15                           ducted under section 3009(a) of the Schol-  
16                           arships for Opportunity and Results Act  
17                           (sec. 38–1853.09(a), D.C. Official Code),  
18                           as in effect on the day before the date of  
19                           enactment of this Act, after obtaining data  
20                           for the 2017–2018 school year; and

21                           (ii) submit any reports required for  
22                           the 2017–2018 school year or preceding  
23                           years with respect to the evaluations in ac-  
24                           cordance with section 3009(b) of such Act.

25                   (B) NEW EVALUATIONS.—

1 (i) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning  
2 with respect to the 2018–2019 school year,  
3 the Secretary shall conduct new evalua-  
4 tions in accordance with the provisions of  
5 section 3009(a) of the Scholarships for Op-  
6 portunity and Results Act (sec. 38–  
7 1853.09(a), D.C. Official Code), as amend-  
8 ed by this Act.

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

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

23 “(1) INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT  
24 EVALUATIONS.—Ensure that all District of Colum-  
25 bia public schools and District of Columbia public

1 charter schools make available to the Institute of  
2 Education Sciences of the Department of Education  
3 all of the information the Institute requires to carry  
4 out the assessments and perform the evaluations re-  
5 quired under section 3009(a).”.

6 **SEC. 9. FUNDING FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC**  
7 **SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

8 (a) **MANDATORY WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS FOR**  
9 **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS.**—Section  
10 3011(b) (sec. 38–1853.11(b), D.C. Official Code) is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 “(b) **ENFORCEMENT.**—If, after reasonable notice and  
13 an opportunity for a hearing, the Secretary determines  
14 that the Mayor has failed to comply with any of the re-  
15 quirements of subsection (a), the Secretary may withhold  
16 from the Mayor, in whole or in part—

17 “(1) the funds otherwise authorized to be ap-  
18 propriated under section 3014(a)(2), if the failure to  
19 comply relates to the District of Columbia public  
20 schools;

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

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

6           (b) RULES FOR USE OF FUNDS PROVIDED FOR SUP-  
7           PORT OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.—Section 3011  
8           (sec. 38–1853.11, D.C. Official Code) is amended—

9           (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as  
10          subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and

11          (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
12          lowing new subsection:

13          “(b) SPECIFIC RULES REGARDING FUNDS PROVIDED  
14          FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.—The fol-  
15          lowing rules shall apply with respect to the funds provided  
16          under this division for the support of District of Columbia  
17          public charter schools:

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

22               “(2) The Office of the State Superintendent of  
23               Education of the District of Columbia may transfer  
24               the funds to subgrantees that are—

1           “(A) specific District of Columbia public  
2 charter schools or networks of such schools; or

3           “(B) District of Columbia-based nonprofit  
4 organizations with experience in successfully  
5 providing support or assistance to District of  
6 Columbia public charter schools or networks of  
7 such schools.

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

19 **SEC. 10. REVISION OF CURRENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-**  
20 **STANDING.**

21           Not later than the beginning of the 2018–2019 school  
22 year, the Secretary of Education and the Mayor of the  
23 District of Columbia shall revise the memorandum of un-  
24 derstanding which is in effect under section 3012(d) of  
25 the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act as of

1 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act to  
2 address the following:

3 (1) The amendments made by this Act.

4 (2) The need to ensure that participating  
5 schools under the Scholarships for Opportunity and  
6 Results Act meet fire code standards and maintain  
7 certificates of occupancy.

8 (3) The need to ensure that District of Colum-  
9 bia public schools and District of Columbia public  
10 charter schools meet the requirements under such  
11 Act to comply with all reasonable requests for infor-  
12 mation necessary to carry out the evaluations re-  
13 quired under section 3009(a) of such Act.

14 **SEC. 11. DEFINITIONS.**

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

17 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through  
18 (10) as paragraphs (2) through (11), respectively;

19 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as redesi-  
20 gnated by paragraph (1), the following:

21 “(1) CORE SUBJECT MATTER.—The term ‘core  
22 subject matter’ means—

23 “(A) mathematics;

24 “(B) science; and



1                   “(C) English, reading, or language arts.”;

2                   and

3                   (3) in paragraph (4)(B), as redesignated by  
4                   paragraph (1), by inserting “household with a” be-  
5                   fore “student”.

6 **SEC. 12. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**  
7                   **TIONS.**

8                   (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3014(a) (sec. 38–  
9 1853.14, D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “and  
10 for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting  
11 “and for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2022”.

12                   (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
13 subsection (a) shall take effect on September 30, 2016.

14 **SEC. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15                   Except as otherwise provided, the amendments made  
16 by this Act shall apply with respect to school year 2018–  
17 2019 and each succeeding school year.

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