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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2024

Mr. DONALDS (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. PALMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

APRIL 30, 2024

Additional sponsor: Mr. CLYDE

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 5, 2024]

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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.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “D. C. Criminal Reforms*
5 *to Immediately Make Everyone Safe Act of 2024” or the*
6 *“DC CRIMES Act of 2024”.*

7 **SEC. 2. YOUTH OFFENDERS.**

8 *(a) LIMITING YOUTH OFFENDER STATUS IN DISTRICT*
9 *OF COLUMBIA TO INDIVIDUALS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR*
10 *YOUNGER.—Section 2(6) of the Youth Rehabilitation Act*
11 *of 1985 (sec. 24–901(6), D.C. Official Code) is amended by*
12 *striking “24 years of age or younger” and inserting “18*
13 *years of age or younger”.*

14 *(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

15 *(1) REPEAL CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUALS 18*
16 *THROUGH 24 YEARS OF AGE IN STRATEGIC PLAN FOR*
17 *FACILITIES, TREATMENT, AND SERVICES.—Section*
18 *3(a–1) of such Act (sec. 24–902(a–1), D.C. Official*
19 *Code) is amended by striking paragraph (3).*

20 *(2) COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUALS*
21 *UNDER ORDER OF PROBATION.—Section 4(a)(2) of*
22 *such Act (sec. 24–903(a)(2), D.C. Official Code) is*
23 *amended by striking “15 to 24 years of age” and in-*
24 *serting “15 to 18 years of age15 to 18 years of age”.*

1 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF WEBSITE ON**
2 **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JUVENILE CRIME**
3 **STATISTICS.**

4 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION.*—Subchapter I
5 of chapter 23 of title 16, District of Columbia Official Code,
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

7 **“§ 16–2340a. Website of updated statistics on juvenile**
8 **crime**

9 “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF*
10 *WEBSITE.*—The Attorney General of the District of Colum-
11 bia shall establish and operate a publicly accessible website
12 which contains data on juvenile crime in the District of
13 Columbia, including each of the following statistical meas-
14 ures:

15 “(1) *The total number of juveniles arrested each*
16 *year.*

17 “(2) *The total number and percentage of juve-*
18 *niles arrested each year, broken down by age, race,*
19 *and sex.*

20 “(3) *Of the total number of juveniles arrested*
21 *each year, the total number and percentage arrested*
22 *for petty crime, including the following crimes:*

23 “(A) *Vandalism.*

24 “(B) *Theft.*

25 “(C) *Shoplifting.*

1 “(4) Of the total number of juveniles arrested
2 each year, the total number and percentage arrested
3 for crime of violence (as defined in section 23–
4 1331(4)).

5 “(5) Of the total number of juveniles arrested
6 each year, the total number and percentage who were
7 arrested for their first offense.

8 “(6) Of the total number of juveniles arrested
9 each year, the total number and percentage who had
10 been arrested previously.

11 “(7) Of the total number of juveniles arrested
12 each year who had been arrested previously, the total
13 number and percentage of the number of arrests.

14 “(8) Of the total number of juveniles arrested
15 each year, the declination rate for prosecutions by the
16 Office of the Attorney General for the District of Co-
17 lumbia.

18 “(9) Of the total number of juveniles sentenced
19 each year, the number and percentage who were tried
20 as adults.

21 “(10) Of the total number of juveniles prosecuted
22 each year, the number and percentage who were not
23 sentenced, who were sentenced to a misdemeanor, and
24 who were sentenced to a felony.

1 “(11) *Of the total number of juveniles sentenced*
2 *each year, the number and percentage of the length of*
3 *time that will be served in a correctional facility as*
4 *provided by the sentence.*

5 “(b) *UPDATES.—The Attorney General shall update*
6 *the information contained on the website on a monthly*
7 *basis.*

8 “(c) *MAINTAINING ARCHIVE OF INFORMATION.—The*
9 *Attorney General shall ensure that the information con-*
10 *tained on the website is archived appropriately to provide*
11 *indefinite public access to historical data of juvenile arrests*
12 *and prosecutions.*

13 “(d) *FORMAT.—The Attorney General shall ensure that*
14 *the information contained in the website, including histor-*
15 *ical data described in subsection (c), is available in a ma-*
16 *chine-readable format available for bulk download.*

17 “(e) *PROHIBITING DISCLOSURE OF PERSONALLY*
18 *IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.—In carrying out this section,*
19 *the Attorney General shall ensure that the website does not*
20 *include any juvenile’s personally identifiable information.*

21 “(f) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section—*

22 “(1) *the term ‘crime’ has the meaning given the*
23 *term ‘offense’ in section 23–1331(2); and*

24 “(2) *the term ‘juvenile’ has the meaning given*
25 *the term ‘youth offender’ in section 2(6) of the Youth*

1 *Rehabilitation Act of 1985 (sec. 24–901(6), D.C. Offi-*
2 *cial Code).*”.

3 **(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO AU-**
4 **THORIZED RELEASE OF INFORMATION.—**

5 **(1) JUVENILE CASE RECORDS OF FAMILY**
6 **COURT.—Section 16–2331, District of Columbia Offi-**
7 **cial Code, is amended—**

8 **(A) by redesignating subsection (i) as sub-**
9 **section (j); and**

10 **(B) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-**
11 **lowing new subsection:**

12 *“(i) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, a*
13 *person shall provide information contained in juvenile case*
14 *records to the Attorney General for purposes of the website*
15 *established and operated under section 16–2340a.”.*

16 **(2) JUVENILE SOCIAL RECORDS OF FAMILY**
17 **COURT.—Section 16–2332, District of Columbia Offi-**
18 **cial Code, is amended—**

19 **(A) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-**
20 **section (i); and**

21 **(B) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-**
22 **lowing new subsection:**

23 *“(h) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, a*
24 *person shall provide information contained in juvenile so-*

1 *cial records to the Attorney General for purposes of the*
2 *website established and operated under section 16–2340a.”.*

3 (3) *POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT*
4 *RECORDS.—Section 16–2333, District of Columbia*
5 *Official Code, is amended—*

6 (A) *by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-*
7 *section (h); and*

8 (B) *by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-*
9 *lowing new subsection:*

10 “(g) *Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a*
11 *person shall provide information contained in law enforce-*
12 *ment records and files concerning a child to the Attorney*
13 *General for purposes of the website established and operated*
14 *under section 16–2340a.”.*

15 (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Attorney General of the*
16 *District of Columbia shall establish the website under sec-*
17 *tion 16–2341, District of Columbia Official Code, as added*
18 *by subsection (a), not later than 180 days after the date*
19 *of the enactment of this Act.*

20 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITING COUNCIL FROM ENACTING CHANGES**
21 **TO EXISTING CRIMINAL LIABILITY SEN-**
22 **TENCES.**

23 *Section 602(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule*
24 *Act (sec. 1–206.02(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended—*

25 (1) *by striking “or” at the end of paragraph (9);*

1 (2) *by striking the period at the end of para-*
2 *graph (10) and inserting “; or”; and*

3 (3) *by adding at the end the following new para-*
4 *graph:*

5 “(11) *enact any act, resolution, or rule to change*
6 *any criminal liability sentence in effect on the date*
7 *of the enactment of the DC CRIMES Act of 2024.”.*

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