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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. HAGERTY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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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 “DC Criminal Reforms
 5 to Immediately Make Everyone Safe Act” or the “DC
 6 CRIMES Act”.

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

8 (a) LIMITING YOUTH OFFENDER STATUS IN DIS-
 9 TRICT OF COLUMBIA TO INDIVIDUALS 18 YEARS OF AGE
 10 OR YOUNGER.—

11 (1) LIMITATION.—Section 2(6) of the Youth
 12 Rehabilitation Amendment Act of 1985 (sec. 24–
 13 901(6), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking
 14 “24 years of age or younger” and inserting “18
 15 years of age or younger”.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

17 (A) REPEAL CONSIDERATION OF INDIVID-
 18 UALS 18 THROUGH 24 YEARS OF AGE IN STRA-
 19 TEGIC PLAN FOR FACILITIES, TREATMENT, AND
 20 SERVICES.—Section 3(a–1) of such Act (sec.
 21 24–902(a–1), D.C. Official Code) is amended
 22 by striking paragraph (3).

23 (B) COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR INDIVID-
 24 UALS UNDER ORDER OF PROBATION.—Section
 25 4(a)(2) of such Act (sec. 24–903(a)(2), D.C.

1 Official Code) is amended by striking “15 to 24
2 years of age” and inserting “15 to 18 years of
3 age”.

4 (b) PROHIBITING ISSUANCE OF SENTENCE LESS
5 THAN MANDATORY-MINIMUM TERM.—Section 4(b) of
6 such Act (sec. 24–903(b), D.C. Official Code) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) by striking paragraph (2); and

9 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
10 graph (2).

11 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF WEBSITE ON**
12 **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JUVENILE CRIME**
13 **STATISTICS.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 23
16 of title 16, District of Columbia Official Code, is
17 amended by adding at the end the following new sec-
18 tion:

19 **“§ 16–2340.01. Website of updated statistics on juve-**
20 **nile crime**

21 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF
22 WEBSITE.—The Attorney General for the District of Co-
23 lumbia shall establish and operate a publicly accessible
24 website that contains data on juvenile crime in the District

1 of Columbia, including each of the following statistical
2 measures:

3 “(1) The total number of juveniles arrested
4 each year.

5 “(2) The total number and percentage of juve-
6 niles arrested each year, broken down by age, race,
7 and sex.

8 “(3) Of the total number of juveniles arrested
9 each year, the total number and percentage arrested
10 for petty crime, including the following crimes:

11 “(A) Vandalism.

12 “(B) Theft.

13 “(C) Shoplifting.

14 “(4) Of the total number of juveniles arrested
15 each year, the total number and percentage arrested
16 for a crime of violence (as defined in section 23-
17 1331(4)).

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

21 “(6) Of the total number of juveniles arrested
22 each year, the total number and percentage who had
23 been arrested previously.

24 “(7) Of the total number of juveniles arrested
25 each year who had been arrested previously—

1 “(A) the total number of previous arrests;
2 and

3 “(B) the percentage of juveniles who had
4 1, 2, 3, or more than 3 previous arrests.

5 “(8) Of the total number of juveniles arrested
6 each year, the declination rate for prosecutions by
7 the Office of the Attorney General for the District
8 of Columbia.

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

12 “(10) Of the total number of juveniles pros-
13 ecuted each year, the number and percentage who
14 were not sentenced, who were sentenced to a mis-
15 demeanor, and who were sentenced to a felony.

16 “(11) Of the total number of juveniles sen-
17 tenced each year, the number and percentage of ju-
18 veniles sentenced to—

19 “(A) 0 to 3 months;

20 “(B) 4 to 6 months;

21 “(C) 6 to 12 months;

22 “(D) 12 to 24 months; or

23 “(E) not less than 24 months.

1 “(b) UPDATES.—The Attorney General shall update
 2 the information contained on the website established
 3 under subsection (a) on a monthly basis.

4 “(c) MAINTAINING ARCHIVE OF INFORMATION.—The
 5 Attorney General shall ensure that the information con-
 6 tained on the website established under subsection (a) is
 7 archived appropriately to provide indefinite public access
 8 to historical data of juvenile arrests and prosecutions.

9 “(d) FORMAT.—The Attorney General shall ensure
 10 that the information contained on the website established
 11 under subsection (a), including historical data described
 12 in subsection (c), is available in a machine-readable format
 13 available for bulk download.

14 “(e) PROHIBITING DISCLOSURE OF PERSONALLY
 15 IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.—In carrying out this sec-
 16 tion, the Attorney General shall ensure that the website
 17 established under subsection (a) does not include the per-
 18 sonally identifiable information of any juvenile.

19 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

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

22 “(2) the term ‘juvenile’ has the meaning given
 23 the term ‘youth offender’ in section 2(6) of the
 24 Youth Rehabilitation Amendment Act of 1985 (sec.
 25 24–901(6), D.C. Official Code).”.

1 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
 2 MENT.—The table of contents for chapter 23 of title
 3 16, District of Columbia Official Code, is amended
 4 by inserting after the section designation relating to
 5 section 16–2340 the following:

“16–2340.01. Website of updated statistics on juvenile crime.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO AU-
 7 THORIZED RELEASE OF INFORMATION.—

8 (1) JUVENILE CASE RECORDS OF FAMILY
 9 COURT.—Section 16–2331, District of Columbia Of-
 10 ficial Code, is amended—

11 (A) by redesignating subsection (i) as sub-
 12 section (j); and

13 (B) by inserting after subsection (h–2) the
 14 following new subsection:

15 “(i) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section,
 16 the Attorney General may inspect juvenile case records for
 17 purposes of the website established and operated under
 18 section 16–2340.01.”.

19 (2) JUVENILE SOCIAL RECORDS OF FAMILY
 20 COURT.—Section 16–2332, District of Columbia Of-
 21 ficial Code, is amended—

22 (A) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
 23 section (i); and

24 (B) by inserting after subsection (g) the
 25 following new subsection:

1 “(h) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section,
 2 the Attorney General may inspect juvenile social records
 3 for purposes of the website established and operated under
 4 section 16–2340.01.”.

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

8 (A) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
 9 section (h); and

10 (B) by inserting after subsection (f) the
 11 following new subsection:

12 “(g) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
 13 the Attorney General may inspect law enforcement records
 14 and files concerning a child for purposes of the website
 15 established and operated under section 16–2340.01.”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Attorney General for the
 17 District of Columbia shall establish the website under sec-
 18 tion 16–2340.01, District of Columbia Official Code, as
 19 added by subsection (a), not later than 180 days after the
 20 date of the enactment of this Act.

21 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITING COUNCIL FROM ENACTING CHANGES**
 22 **TO EXISTING CRIMINAL SENTENCES.**

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

1 (1) in paragraph (9), by striking “or” at the
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (10), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(11) enact any act, resolution, or rule to
8 change any mandatory minimum sentence or crimi-
9 nal sentencing guideline in effect on the date of the
10 enactment of the DC CRIMES Act.”.

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