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AN ACT

To limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “D. C. Criminal Re-
3 forms to Immediately Make Everyone Safe Act of 2024”
4 or the “DC CRIMES Act of 2024”.

5 **SEC. 2. YOUTH OFFENDERS.**

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

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) REPEAL CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUALS
14 18 THROUGH 24 YEARS OF AGE IN STRATEGIC PLAN
15 FOR FACILITIES, TREATMENT, AND SERVICES.—Sec-
16 tion 3(a–1) of such Act (sec. 24–902(a–1), D.C. Of-
17 ficial Code) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

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

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

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

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

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF
11 WEBSITE.—The Attorney General of the District of Co-
12 lumbia shall establish and operate a publicly accessible
13 website which contains data on juvenile crime in the Dis-
14 trict of Columbia, including each of the following statis-
15 tical measures:

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

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

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

24 “(A) Vandalism.

25 “(B) Theft.

26 “(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
7 were 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
13 total number and percentage of the number of ar-
14 rests.

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

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

22 “(10) Of the total number of juveniles pros-
23 ecuted each year, the number and percentage who
24 were not sentenced, who were sentenced to a mis-
25 demeanor, and who were sentenced to a felony.

1 “(11) Of the total number of juveniles sen-
2 tenced each year, the number and percentage of the
3 length of time that will be served in a correctional
4 facility as 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 ar-
12 rests and prosecutions.

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

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

22 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

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

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

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

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

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

12 (B) by inserting after subsection (h) the
13 following new subsection:

14 “(i) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section,
15 a person shall provide information contained in juvenile
16 case records to the Attorney General for purposes of the
17 website established and operated under section 16–
18 2340a.”.

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 a person shall provide information contained in juvenile
3 social records to the Attorney General for purposes of the
4 website established and operated under section 16–
5 2340a.”.

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

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

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

13 “(g) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
14 a person shall provide information contained in law en-
15 forcement records and files concerning a child to the At-
16 torney General for purposes of the website established and
17 operated under section 16–2340a.”.

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

1 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITING COUNCIL FROM ENACTING CHANGES**
2 **TO EXISTING CRIMINAL LIABILITY SEN-**
3 **TENCES.**

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

7 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
8 (9);

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

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(11) enact any act, resolution, or rule to
14 change any criminal liability sentence in effect on
15 the date of the enactment of the DC CRIMES Act
16 of 2024.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 15, 2024.

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Clerk.