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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

From: Committee Staff

Re: Committee Business Meeting

On Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. ET, in room HVC-210 of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will hold a business meeting to consider the following:

1. H.R. ____, the District of Columbia Home Rule Improvement Act
2. H.R. 2693, the District of Columbia Electronic Transmittal of Legislation Act
3. H.R. 5103, the Make the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful Act
4. H.R. ____, the District of Columbia Cash Bail Reform Act
5. H.R. ____, the Strong Sentences for Safer D.C. Streets Act
6. H.R. ____, to repeal D.C.'s Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act of 2016 and the Second Chance Amendment Act of 2022.
7. H.R. 5163, the Clean and Managed Public Spaces Act.
8. H.R. 4922, the DC Criminal Reforms to Immediately Make Everyone Safer (DC CRIMES) Act
9. H.R. 5140, the District of Columbia Juvenile Sentencing Reform Act
10. H.R. ____, the SOAR Act Improvements Act
11. H.R. 5107, Common-Sense Law Enforcement and Accountability Now in DC (CLEAN DC) Act
12. H.R. 5143, the District of Columbia Policing Protection Act
13. H.R. 5125, the District of Columbia Judicial Nominations Reform Act
14. H.R. ____, the District of Columbia Attorney General Appointment Reform Act

I. H.R. ____, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE IMPROVEMENT ACT:

A. Summary

This bill amends Title VI (Reservation of Congressional Authority) of the D.C. Home Rule Act of 1973 to establish a uniform 60-day congressional review period for all D.C. Council legislation (currently 30-days for most new Acts and 60-days for criminal code measures), eliminates the ability of the D.C. Council to extend emergency laws (which are not currently subject to congressional review) in perpetuity, provides for a line item veto of D.C. Acts in Congressional resolutions of disapproval, prohibits the D.C. Council from withdrawing legislation from the congressional review process, prohibits the D.C. Council from passing substantially similar laws to legislation that was successfully disapproved by Congress, and provides for a similar Congressional review process of D.C. regulations and Mayoral executive actions. This bill also provides clear and concise expedited consideration procedures for resolutions of disapproval in both the House and Senate to avoid the window of congressional review closing before both chambers may act on the resolution (e.g., providing for limited Floor debate after discharge from a Committee, treatment of a resolution passed by one chamber as privileged in the other, etc.).

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Ryan Giachetti and Christian Hoehner at (202) 225-5074.

II. H.R. 2693, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATION ACT:

A. Summary

Amends the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to permit—and exercises the House and Senate’s rulemaking authorities to explicitly allow—the Chairman of the D.C. Council to electronically transmit to Congress any act passed by the D.C. Council (rather than the current requirement for physical copies to be delivered to the House and Senate).

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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III. H.R. 5103, MAKE THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL ACT:

A. Summary

This bill codifies core components of the March 27, 2025, Executive Order on Making the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful (EO 14252). Specifically, the bill requires the development and implementation of a program under the Secretary of the Interior to beautify the District through the removal of graffiti, enhanced private-sector collaboration, and restoration of Federal public monuments. Further, the bill establishes the D.C. Safe and Beautiful Commission to coordinate across federal agencies and D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, and to develop joint priorities to enable the full enforcement of Federal and local laws within the District. The bill includes Congressional reporting requirements and a sunset date of January 2029.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Ryan Giachetti, Lauren Lombardo, and Jennifer Kamara at (202) 225-5074.

IV. H.R. ____, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CASH BAIL REFORM ACT:

A. Summary

Amends D.C.'s pre-trial release and detention processes in D.C. Code to require mandatory pre-trial detention for defendants charged with crimes of violence and for cash bail or bail bonds for all defendants charged with certain enumerated public safety and order crimes. Specific application to certain aggravated offenses includes obstruction of justice, fleeing law enforcement, rioting, destruction of property, stalking, and aggravated assault. The amendments would apply to all charges brought 30-days after the date of enactment.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Christian Hoehner, Alan Brubaker, and Jennifer Kamara at (202) 225-5074.

V. H.R. ____, STRONG SENTENCES FOR SAFER D.C. STREETS ACT:

A. Summary

Changes the mandatory minimum sentencing guidelines in D.C. Code commensurate to other nationwide standards for criminal sentencing, including for first-

and second-degree murder, rape, first-degree sexual abuse, kidnaping, carjacking, and first-degree burglary. These reforms apply to criminal charges after the date of enactment.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Ryan Giachetti and Christian Hoehner at (202) 225-5074.

VI. H.R. ____, TO REPEAL D.C.'S INCARCERATION REDUCTION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2016 AND THE SECOND CHANCE AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022:

A. Summary

This bill would repeal the Incarceration Reduction Act of 2016 (title III of the Comprehensive Youth Justice Amendment Act of 2016, D.C. Law 21-36), passed by the D.C. Council in 2016. The Incarceration Reduction Act allows individuals convicted of certain serious crimes committed before their 18th birthday to petition the court for a sentence reduction after serving at least 15 years. In repealing the Incarceration Reduction Act of 2016, the D.C. Code will reflect the codified language predating the passage of the Act and all subsequent amendments. This bill also repeals the Second Chance Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24-284) which expanded D.C.'s expungement and sealing process to allow more individuals to petition the District for expungement or sealing of prior conviction records as well as the automatic expungement or sealing for certain misdemeanors, including marijuana possession.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Ryan Giachetti, Ashlii Dyer, and Brandon Renz at (202) 225-5074.

VII. H.R. 5163, CLEAN AND MANAGED PUBLIC SPACES ACT:

A. Summary

This bill imposes a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both, as a penalty for camping outdoors on public property in the District of Columbia after the date of enactment.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Ryan Giachetti, Lauren Hassett, and Daniel Falcone at (202) 225-5074.

VIII. H.R. 4922, DC CRIMINAL REFORMS TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE EVERYONE SAFER (DC CRIMES) Act:

A. Summary

Asserts Congressional authority over the District to prohibit the D.C. Council from pursuing progressive soft-on-crime sentencing policies. Specifically, the bill would (1) lower D.C.'s definition of a "youth" from under 25 years old to under 18, resulting in individuals 18 and older being properly treated and tried as adults in the criminal justice system, (2) remove the ability of judges to sentence youth offenders below the mandatory minimum, (3) require the D.C. Attorney General to establish a public website containing statistics on juvenile crime, and (4) prohibit D.C. from enacting any changes to the existing minimum sentencing laws and sentencing guidelines, leaving only Congress the authority to amend such laws.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Ryan Giachetti and Lauren Hassett at (202) 225-5074.

IX. H.R. 5140, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JUVENILE SENTENCING REFORM ACT:

A. Summary

This bill would lower the age of eligibility for juveniles to be tried as adults in D.C. for certain violent offenses (e.g., murder, first degree sexual abuse, burglary in the first degree, and robbery while armed) committed after the date of enactment from 16 years to 14 years of age.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Ryan Giachetti and Lauren Hassett at (202) 225-5074.

X. H.R. ____, SOAR ACT IMPROVEMENTS ACT:

A. Summary

The bill amends the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Act and reauthorizes the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program (DC OSP) through 2032 at \$60,000,000 in annual authorized appropriations (consistent with the current authorized level in law). DC OSP provides low-income children in Washington, D.C. with scholarships so they can attend a private school in the District. Since its inception, the DC OSP has consistently been oversubscribed. This bill amends how funds are allocated: currently, one-third of the annually authorized appropriations are allocated

to DC OSP, one-third is allocated to D.C. Public Schools, and one-third is allocated to D.C. charter schools. This bill changes the authorized funding allocation so that one-half of the funds would be allocated to DC OSP and only one-sixth would be allocated to DC Public Schools out of the total authorized amount. The funding to DC charter schools would remain consistent at one-third. Additionally, the bill provides additional transparency over the program by requiring the Secretary of Education, Mayor of D.C., and Institute of Education Sciences to regularly evaluate DC OSP and disseminate information on the academic progress and educational attainment of participating students and report on the safety of the private schools attended by participating students compared with DC public schools.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Lauren Hassett and Christian Hoehner at (202) 225-5074.

XI. H.R. 5107, COMMON-SENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY NOW IN DC (CLEAN DC) ACT:

A. Summary

This bill repeals the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24-345) which established restrictions and undue additional burdensome requirements on the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department. These policies include prohibiting officers from viewing worn body-camera footage when writing initial reports of an incident, removing all officers and police union representatives from the Police Complaints Board, stripping the D.C. police union of the right to collectively bargain over disciplinary matters, requiring a jury to consider if an officer consulted with mental health, behavioral health, or social workers before the use of deadly force, and imposing approval hurdles for the use of riot gear and less-lethal projectiles.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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XII. H.R. 5143, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA POLICING PROTECTION ACT:

A. Summary

This bill would amend the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24-345), to allow vehicular pursuit of a suspect fleeing in a motor vehicle, if the officer or supervisor deems it necessary, the most effective means of apprehension, and without unreasonable risk to innocents and bystanders. This bill would further amend the 2022 Act to develop a trial system that would alert members of the public to police pursuits in their immediate vicinity. The

amendments made by this bill would also require evaluation reports of current D.C. police tactics to be submitted to the appropriate Oversight and Judiciary Committees in the House and Senate.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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XIII. H.R. 5125, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS REFORM ACT:

A. Summary

This bill repeals the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission, which currently provides a list of recommended D.C. judicial nominations candidates to the President which the President must select from for appointment. The bill makes nominations for D.C. Courts after the Date of Enactment an action of the U.S. President, which is in line with the U.S. Constitution and other federal judicial nomination processes.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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XIV. H.R. ____, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ATTORNEY GENERAL APPOINTMENT REFORM ACT:

A. Summary

This bill would reform the way the District of Columbia's Attorney General is selected by making the D.C. Attorney General a Presidentially appointed position rather than an elected one. The new appointment process does not include Senate confirmation. The current D.C. Attorney General's appointment shall terminate on the date of enactment.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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XV. AMENDMENT PROCESS:

Committee Rule 2(g) authorizes the Chair of the Committee to prioritize the consideration of amendments filed 24 hours in advance of the consideration of matters before the Committee or subcommittees. Pursuant to this rule, and at the Chair's discretion, the Committee may consider amendments that are pre-filed with the Committee clerk prior to amendments offered at a markup.

Members should pre-file amendments with the clerk of the Committee by emailing a searchable, electronic PDF copy of the amendment prepared by the House Legislative Counsel directly to GOP Oversight Clerks at GOP.Oversight.Clerks@mail.house.gov and Lauren Hassett at Lauren.Hassett@mail.house.gov at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the business meeting. Members should include in the email accompanying the amendment text:

1. The name(s) of the Member(s) who will offer the amendment;
2. The name and number of the measure to be amended;
3. A brief, one-sentence description of the amendment; and
4. The name and phone number of a staff member who will serve as the point of contact for the amendment.

Pre-filed amendments will be compiled into a single roster, and the roster will be made available to Committee members prior to business meetings. Any amendment to a measure or matter before the Committee or a Subcommittee should be germane to the measure or matter, including in scope, subject matter, and Committee consideration. Votes on amendments likely will be grouped together at a time determined by the chair, pursuant to Committee Rules.