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October 4, 2025

Nyasha Smith, Secretary  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today I am introducing the Child Fatality Review Amendment Act of 2025. Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation.

The Child Fatality Review Committee is a collection of community members, advocates, and government representatives who meet each month in an effort to reduce the number of preventable child deaths. It is essential that the Committee on Youth Affairs be a recognized participant in these meetings given our youth welfare oversight responsibilities. This legislation makes changes to relevant law so that the relevant Council committee with oversight of the Child and Family Services Agency is permanently included as a member of the Child Fatality Review Committee. This bill will ensure that whichever committee in charge of youth affairs in the District can adequately fulfill its oversight role. I look forward to working with colleagues to promote this important legislation.

Please do not hesitate to contact my Committee Director, Thomas Franco, at [tfranco@dccouncil.gov](mailto:tfranco@dccouncil.gov) or my Legislative Assistant, Allison Bailey, at [abailey@dccouncil.gov](mailto:abailey@dccouncil.gov) with any questions or concerns.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zachary Parker".

Zachary Parker  
Councilmember, Ward 5  
Chair, Committee on Youth Affairs  
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Councilmember Zachary Parker

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Child Fatality Review Committee Establishment Act of 2001 to revise the composition of the committee to include the relevant persons within the Council of the District of Columbia with oversight over the Child and Family Services Agency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Child Fatality Review Committee Amendment Act of 2025”.

Sec. 2. Section 4604(a-1) of the Child Fatality Review Committee Establishment Act of 24 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28, D.C. Official Code § 4-1371.04), is amended by striking the phrase “human services” and inserting the phrase “child and family services” in its place.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section

- 33 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
34 36 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).