

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To require special police officers to undergo additional pre-appointment training on de-escalation, bias-based policing, and interactions with disabled individuals, and individuals suffering from mental health and behavioral health conditions. To amend the D.C. Municipal Regulations to make the definition of campus comport with the federal Jeanne Clery Act. To allow campus police officers to exercise their authority on the campus of another university pursuant to a state of emergency declared by the Mayor or by the university’s president upon request by the university for assistance and notification to the Chief of Police of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). To allow campus police officers to wear their uniforms when traveling between university properties, attending court, or other official duties in support of the Metropolitan Police Department. To allow a campus police officer to exercise his or her authority outside the property he or she is appointed to pursuant to a public safety plan approved by the Chief of Police of MPD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Special Police Officer Enhanced Security Amendment Act of 2015”.

Sec. 2. Chapter 11 of Title 6-A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (6 DCMR § 1100 *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

(a) Section 1100 (6A DCMR § 1100) is amended as follows:

(1) Section 1107.2 is amended by striking the word “sixteen (16)” and inserting the word “twenty-four (24)” and striking the phrase “additional twenty-four (24) hours” and inserting the phrase “additional thirty-two (32) hours”.

34 (2) Section 1107.2 (b) is amended by striking the word “and”.

35 (3) Section 1107.2 (c) is amended by striking the period and inserting a
36 semicolon.

37 (4) A new subsection 1107.2 (d) is added to read as follows:

38 “De-escalation procedures;

39 (5) A new subsection 1107.2 (e) is added to read as follows:

40 “Biased-based policing;

41 (6) A new subsection 1107.2 (f) is added to read as follows:

42 “Police interaction with the disabled and individuals suffering from mental and
43 behavioral health conditions.”

44 Sec. 3. Chapter 12 of Title 6-A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (6
45 DCMR § 1200 *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

46 (a) Section 1200 (6A DCMR § 1200) is amended as follows:

47 (1) Section 1200.2 is amended by striking the period at the end of the sentence
48 and inserting the phrase “,unless otherwise specified in this chapter.”.

49 (2) Section 1200.8(f) is amended by striking the phrase “Law Enforcement
50 Academy” and inserting the phrase “Public Safety Institute” in its place.

51 (b) A new section 1201 (6A DCMR § 1201) is added to read as follows:

52 “1201 APPOINTMENT: SECTION 5-129.02 APPOINTMENTS

53 “1201.1. For the purposes of this chapter, the term “D.C. Official Code § 5-
54 129.02(2001)” refers to An Act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the
55 government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen
56 hundred, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1057; D.C. Official Code § 5-
57 129.02 (2001)).

58 “1201.2. Campus and university special police officers may be appointed under the
59 provisions of D.C. Official Code § 5-129.02 (2001) to protect the campus property of an
60 academic institution of higher education. The term “campus” shall include any building or
61 property owned or controlled by the academic institution of higher education and all public
62 property that is within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution, such as
63 a sidewalk, a street, other thoroughfare, or parking facility, or is adjacent to any building or
64 property owned or controlled by the institution if the building or property is used by the
65 institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to the institution’s educational purposes,
66 unless otherwise specified.

67 “1201.3. The duties of the campus and university special police officers appointed
68 pursuant to § 1201.2 shall consist of integrating the principles of private and public policing and
69 adopting them to the academic community. The names and addresses of the academic institution
70 of higher education and the location of the property to be protected shall be specified upon the
71 face of the commission issued to that campus or university special police officer.

72 “1201.4. A campus of university special police officer appointed under the provisions of
73 D.C. Official Code § 5-129.02 (2001) may exercise the authority conferred by that appointment
74 on the campus of another university pursuant to a declaration of a state of emergency by the
75 Mayor or in the case of a specific campus emergency, by the university’s president and upon
76 request by the university for assistance and notification to the Chief of Police, until such
77 emergency has ended.”.

78 (c) Section 1202 is amended as follows:

79 (1) Section 1202.1 is amended by striking the period at the end of the sentence
80 and inserting the phrase “, except when traveling between university properties, attending court
81 or other official duties in support of the Metropolitan Police Department, or as otherwise
82 specified.”.

83 (2) A new subsection 1202.5 is added to read as follows:

84 “1202.5. A campus or university special police officer under the provisions of
85 D.C. Code §5-129.02 may exercise his or her authority as an officer outside the property or area
86 he or she is appointed to protect pursuant to a public safety plan submitted to, and approved by,
87 the Chief of Police.

88 “(a) A public safety plan proposal shall include, at a minimum,
89 descriptions of:

90 “(1) The geographic area to be covered by the plan;

91 “(2) Specific locations within the geographic area to be covered by
92 the plan;

93 “(3) Any administrative offenses covered by the Code of Student
94 Conduct as covered by the plan;

95 “(4) The training on the public safety plan to be completed by
96 campus or university special police officers, including the full identification of all training
97 personnel and complete copies of all training materials; and

98 “(5) The method by which all incidents outside the scope of the
99 plan will be shared with the Metropolitan Police Department.

100 “(b) A public safety plan approved by the Chief of Police shall remain in
101 effect for two years, unless terminated earlier at the Chief’s discretion.

102 “(c) Any current public safety plan approved by the Chief of Police shall
103 be posted on the university’s website.”.

104 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

105 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
106 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
107 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

108 Sec. 5. Effective date.

109 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
110 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
111 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
112 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
113 Columbia Register.