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8 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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13 To amend the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982 to eliminate the exemption of  
14 child support payments families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
15 (“TANF”) from the assignment of such payments to the District; to amend the Child  
16 Support Enforcement Amendment Act of 1985 to require the District to pay families  
17 receiving TANF an amount equal to the first \$200 of monthly current child support  
18 payments made to the District under an assignment made pursuant to section 519(b) of  
19 the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982, to require the District to pay  
20 families receiving TANF an amount equal to the first \$200 of any child support payment  
21 of current support or arrears made to the District under an assignment made pursuant to  
22 section 519(b) of the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982, and to require  
23 the District to pay to families currently or formerly receiving TANF an amount equal to  
24 all current child support and arrears payments made to the District under an assignment  
25 made pursuant to section 519b of the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982;  
26 and to amend section 15-101 of the District of Columbia Official Code to set a statute of  
27 limitations on child support enforcement actions of 5 years after the date of the  
28 emancipation of the youngest child subject to the support order for support orders entered  
29 in cases filed after 120 days after the effective date of the Child Support Improvement  
30 Amendment Act of 2026.  
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32 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
33 act may be cited as the “Child Support Improvement Amendment Act of 2026”.

34 Sec. 2. Section 519(c)(5) of the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982,  
35 effective April 6, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-101; D.C. Official Code § 4-205.19(c)(5)), is repealed.

36 Sec. 3. The District of Columbia Child Support Enforcement Amendment Act of 1985,  
37 effective February 24, 1987 (D.C. Law 6-166; D.C. Official Code § 46-201 *et seq.*), is amended  
38 by adding a new section 4a to read as follows:

39 “Sec. 4a. Pass-through of current support and arrears.

40           “(a) Notwithstanding any other law, the District shall pay to a family receiving TANF an  
41 amount equal to the first \$200 of a current monthly child support payment made to the District  
42 for a family receiving TANF under an assignment of child support made pursuant to section  
43 519(b) of the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982, effective April 6, 1982 (D.C.  
44 Law 4-101; D.C. Official Code § 4-205.19(b)).

45           “(b) Subject to appropriations and notwithstanding any other law, the District shall pay  
46 to a family receiving TANF an amount equal to the first \$200 of a child support that satisfies a  
47 current monthly child support obligation or accrued child support arrears made to the District  
48 under an assignment of child support made pursuant to section 519(b) of the District of  
49 Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982, effective April 6, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-101; D.C. Official  
50 Code § 4-205.19(b)).

51           “(c) Subject to appropriations and notwithstanding any other law, the District shall pay  
52 to a family that is currently receiving or formerly received TANF an amount equal to all child  
53 support payments, including current support and arrears payments, made to the District under an  
54 assignment of child support made pursuant to section 519(b) of the District of Columbia Public  
55 Assistance Act of 1982, effective April 6, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-101; D.C. Official Code § 4-  
56 205.19(b)).”.

57           Sec. 4. Section 15-101 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

58           (a) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

59                   (1) Strike the phrase “subsection (b) of this section” and insert the phrase  
60 “subsections (a-1) and (b) of this section” in its place.

61                   (2) Strike the phrase “twelve years” and insert the phrase “12 years” in its place.

62           (b) A new subsection (a-1) is added to read as follows:

63           “(a-1) For support orders entered in cases filed 120 days after the effective date of the  
64 Child Support Improvement Amendment Act of 2026, the 12-year period of limitation on the  
65 enforceability of a final judgment or final decree for the payment of money provided by  
66 subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to judgments or decrees for past-due child support.  
67 Child support judgments entered pursuant to these support orders shall be enforceable for a  
68 period of 5 years after the date of the emancipation of the youngest child subject to the support  
69 order. The time during which the judgment creditor is stayed from enforcing the judgment as  
70 provided in subsection (a) of this section shall not be computed as a part of the period within  
71 which the judgment is enforceable by execution.”.

72           (c) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “the twelve-year period provided by  
73 subsection (a)” and inserting the phrase “the periods provided by subsections (a) and (a-1)” in its  
74 place.

75           Sec. 5. Applicability.

76           (a)(1) Amended section 4a(b) within section 3 shall apply 240 days after the date of  
77 inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan.

78           (2) Amended section 4a(c) within section 3 shall apply upon the date of inclusion  
79 of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan.

80           (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of inclusion of the fiscal effect in an  
81 approved budget and financial plan and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council of  
82 the certifications.

83           (c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notices of the certification to be published in  
84 the District of Columbia Register.

85                   (2) The dates of publication of the notices of certification shall not affect the  
86 applicability of the provisions identified in subsection (a) of this section.

87           Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

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

91           Sec. 7. Effective date.

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