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2 Councilmember Marion Barry

Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander

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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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9 Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander and Councilmember Marion Barry introduced the
10 following bill, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

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12 To expand the length of a school day in District of Columbia Public Schools to seven hours.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this

15 act may be cited as the “Extended School Day Amendment Act of 2011”.

16 Sec. 2. Article II of An Act To provide for compulsory school attendance, for the taking

17 of a school census in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, effective March 8, 1991

18 (D.C. Law 8-247; D.C. Official Code § 38-202), is amended adding a new section 1a to read as

19 follows:

20 “Sec. 1a. Length of school day.

21 “(a) A day in District of Columbia Public Schools shall be at least 7.5 hours in length for

22 students, including time allotted for lunch periods, recess, and class breaks. An average of at

23 least seven (7) hours per day shall be dedicated to curricular instruction.

1 “(b) The requirements of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to an evening
2 school program, adult education program, early childhood education program, or kindergarten
3 program.

4 “(c) The Office of the State Superintendent of Education may waive the requirements of
5 subsection (a) of this section for individual schools offering nontraditional, specialized programs
6 that require an alternative schedule.”

7 Sec. 3. Applicability.

8 This act shall apply upon the latter of August 1, 2012, or upon the inclusion of its fiscal
9 effect in an approved budget and financial plan.

10 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

14 Sec. 5. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
16 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
17 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
18 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
19 Columbia Register.