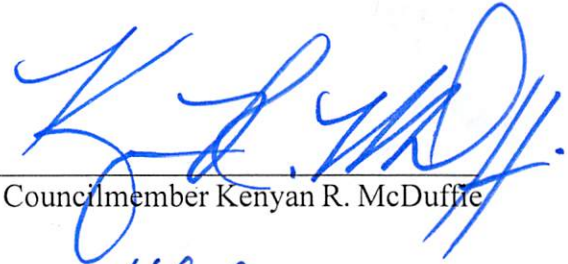




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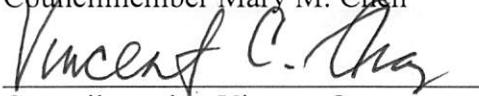
  
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27 To establish the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention Research to research the causes and  
28 effects of urban firearm violence and to make recommendations to prevent firearm  
29 violence in the District of Columbia.

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31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
32 act may be cited as the "Center for Firearm Violence Prevention Research Establishment Act of  
33 2018".

34 Sec. 2. (a) There is established the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention Research  
35 ("Center"), which shall be administered by an academic research institution in the District of  
36 Columbia, to be determined by the Mayor.

37 (b) The Center shall address:

38 (1) The nature of firearm violence, including individual and societal determinants  
39 of risk for involvement in firearm violence, whether as a victim or a perpetrator;

40 (2) The consequence of firearm violence as it affects the individual, the  
41 immediate community, and the larger society; and

42 (3) The prevention and treatment of firearm violence at the individual, community,  
43 and societal levels.

44 (c) The Center shall conduct basic, translational, and transformative research with a  
45 mission to provide the scientific evidence on which sound firearm violence prevention policies  
46 and programs can be based, including the effectiveness of existing laws and policies intended to  
47 reduce firearm violence, the criminal misuse of firearms, and efforts to promote the responsible  
48 ownership and use of firearms.

49 (d) The Center shall work on a continuing basis with policymakers in the Executive  
50 Office of the Mayor and the Council to identify, implement, and evaluate innovative firearm  
51 violence prevention policies and programs.

52 (e) To help ensure a long-term and successful effort to understand and prevent firearm  
53 violence, the Center shall recruit and provide specialized training opportunities for new  
54 researchers, including experienced investigators in related fields who are beginning work on  
55 firearm violence, young investigators who have completed their education, postdoctoral scholars,  
56 doctoral students, and undergraduates.

57 (f)(1) As a supplement to its own research and subject to funding, the Center may  
58 administer a grant program for research on firearm violence.

59 (2) All research funds shall be awarded on the basis of scientific merit as  
60 determined by an open, competitive peer review process that assures objectivity, consistency,  
61 and high quality.

62 (3) All qualified investigators, regardless of institutional affiliation, shall have  
63 equal access and opportunity to compete for the funds.

64 (4) The peer review process for the selection of grants awarded under this program  
65 shall be modeled on the process used by the National Institutes of Health in its grantmaking  
66 process.

67 (5) The Center and all recipients of grants shall provide copies of their research  
68 publications to the Council and to agencies supplying data used in the conduct of that research as  
69 soon as is practicable following publication.

70 (g) By January 1, 2019, or 6 months after receiving funding, whichever is later, and every  
71 3 years thereafter, the Center shall transmit programmatic, as well as financial, report to the  
72 Mayor and Council by January 1 of each year, including a report on the grants made and pending  
73 grants, if any, program accomplishments, and the future direction of the program.

74 (h) The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, the Metropolitan  
75 Police Department, the Department of Health, the Department of Behavioral Health, the  
76 Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Office of the Attorney General shall provide to the  
77 Center, upon written request, the data necessary for the Center to conduct its research.

78 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement

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

82           Sec. 4. Effective date.

83           The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
84 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
85 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
86 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
87 Columbia Register.

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