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To establish the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute to provide eligible District youth with programs for professional development, leadership training, and personal development including a school-year program and summer-training program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
That this act may be cited as the "Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute Act of 2005".

**Sec. 2. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) "Acceptable level of school attendance" means that a student has not accrued unexcused absences exceeding 5% of the total days in a school year and has not violated the requirements for mandatory school attendance under Article II, section 1 of An Act To provide for compulsory school attendance, for the taking of a school census in the District of Columbia, and for other purpose, effective February 4, 1925 (43 Stat. 806; D.C. Official Code §38-202).

(2) "Eligible District youth" means an individual who is a domiciliary of the District and is between 14 and 19 years of age.

(3) "Institute" means the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute.

**Sec. 3. Establishment.**

(a) The Mayor shall establish an Institute to be known as the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute and shall provide programs in professional development, leadership training, and personal development for all eligible District youth. The focus of the program shall include:

(1) Building skill expertise in word processing, Powerpoint presentations,

and database and spreadsheet maintenance;

(2) Drafting memos, letters, and press releases; and

(3) Public speaking.

(b) The program shall seek to ensure that participants reach proficiency in these skills which are essential to successfully compete for and retain employment.

(c) The programs shall include:

(1) A school-year program to provide services and instruction to at least 500 eligible District youth; and

(2) A summer training program that shall consist of 2 sessions, each conducted over a 2-week period at a District college or university, and provide services and instruction to at least 250 eligible District youth. Sec. 4. Eligibility.

(a) First time participants in the program shall maintain an acceptable level of school attendance during the preceding academic year in order participate. The superintendent of schools or his designee shall certify that each prospective participant has maintained an acceptable level of school attendance during the preceding academic year.

(b) Eligible District youth participating twice or more in the program shall maintain an acceptable level of school attendance and at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average during the preceding academic year. The superintendent of schools or his designee shall certify that each of these participants has maintained an acceptable level of school attendance and at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average during the preceding academic year.

#### Sec. 5. Rules.

The Mayor shall issue rules to implement the provisions of this act. The proposed rules shall be submitted by the Mayor to the Council for review and approval.

#### Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

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

#### Sec. 7. 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), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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