



Councilmember Tommy Wells

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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmember Tommy Wells introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To amend the Office of Human Rights Establishment Act of 1999 to require the Director of the Office to have a demonstrated professional background in human rights law, and to amend the Human Rights Act of 1977 to require the annual report include information on investigations and public hearings undertaken by the Office, and to repeal the exemption allowing religiously-affiliated educational institutions to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the “Human Rights Amendment Act of 2014”.

Sec. 2. Section 202 of the Office of Human Rights Establishment Act of 1999, effective October 20, 1999 (D.C. Law 13-38; D.C. Official Code § 2-1411.01), is amended by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) The Director shall have a demonstrated professional background in human rights law.”.

Sec. 3. The Human Rights Act of 1977, effective December 13, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-38; D.C. Official Code § 2-1401 *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

(a) Section 241(3) (D.C. Official Code § 2-1402.41(3)), is repealed.

1 (b) Section 301(g) is amended by striking the phrase “of this chapter,” and insert
2 the phrase “of this chapter, including the investigations and public hearings conducted
3 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,” in its place.

4 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

5 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the
6 fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home
7 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
8 206.02(c)(3)).

9 Sec. 5. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a
11 veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of
12 Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home
13 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
14 206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.