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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To require local education agencies to pay for caps, gowns and tassels for graduating students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “High School Commencement Participation Act of 2016”.

Sec. 2. Provision of graduation apparel.

(a) An educational institution shall pay for the graduation caps, gowns and tassels of all graduating high school students participating in a graduation ceremony who qualify for free and reduced-price meals.

(b) “Educational institution” shall have the same meaning as provided in section 2 of the Youth Bullying Prevention Act of 2012, effective Sept. 14, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-167, D.C. Official Code § 2-1535.01).

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

4           Sec. 4. Effective date.

5           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
6 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as  
7 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
8 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
9 Columbia Register.