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15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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18 To create a task force to end street harassment in the District.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
21 act may be cited as the “Task Force to End Street Harassment Establishment Act of 2016”.

22 Sec. 2. Establishment of task force to end street harassment.

23 (a) No later than 30 days from the effective date of this act, the Office on Human Rights  
24 shall establish a task force to evaluate the prevalence and impact of street harassment in the  
25 District of Columbia, study nationally recognized best practices, and develop recommendations  
26 regarding street harassment, such as:

27 (1) Data collection to track the incidence and prevalence of street harassment  
28 among District residents;

29 (2) Effective strategies to address street harassment in high-risk areas, including:

30 (A) Public transportation settings;

31 (B) Cabs and ride-sharing services;

32 (C) Bars, restaurants, night clubs, and other establishments that serve  
33 alcohol; and

34 (D) Sidewalks, parks, and other public spaces;

35 (3) Development of effective bystander intervention training for key stakeholders  
36 in government and the community;

37 (4) Statutory changes necessary to improve the District's response to street  
38 harassment.

39 (b) The task force shall be comprised of representatives from the following entities:

40 (1) D.C. Office on Human Rights;

41 (2) Mayor's Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Affairs;

42 (3) Mayor's Office on Women's Policy and Initiatives;

43 (4) Metropolitan Police Department;

44 (5) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;

45 (6) D.C. Department of Transportation;

46 (7) D.C. Department of Health;

47 (8) Alcoholic Beverage Regulations Administration;

48 (9) 5 representatives of community-based organizations that:

49 (A) Train stakeholders in effective strategies to address street harassment,  
50 including bystander intervention;

51 (B) Provide direct services to victims and survivors of street harassment;

52 (C) Work directly with the LGBT and gender non-conforming

53 communities; and

54 (D) Address street harassment or violence in communities of color.

55 (10) Representatives of other District agencies or community-based organizations,  
56 as deemed appropriate by the Office on Human Rights.

57 (c) For the purposes of this section, “street harassment” means public sexual harassment  
58 and assault, unwanted comments and gestures, and other actions forced on a stranger in a public  
59 place without their consent and directed at someone because of his or her actual or perceived sex,  
60 gender, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

61 (d) The task force will present its findings to the Council of the District of Columbia no  
62 later than one year from the date of enactment.

63 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

67 Sec. 4. Effective date.

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