

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 21-568

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DECEMBER 7, 2016

To amend Title 16 of the District of Columbia Official Code to strengthen the presumption against pre-disposition detention of a child, to reduce the number of unnecessary arrests of children, to ban the secure detention of status offenders, to transfer juveniles adjudicated pursuant to Chapter 23 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Official Code to the custody of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, to end the commitment to the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services of children under 10 years of age, to terminate the commitment of status offenders on their 18th birthday, to allow the sharing of juvenile information between agencies for the purpose of providing services and evaluating the efficacy of diversion programs, and to authorize the sealing of juvenile arrest records; to amend section 23-1322 of the District of Columbia Official Code to transfer juveniles adjudicated pursuant to Chapter 23 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Official Code to Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services custody; to restrict the use of room confinement of juveniles, to ban the use of disciplinary segregation of juveniles, to remove juveniles from adult correctional facilities, and to end the detention of juveniles adjudicated pursuant to Chapter 23 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Official Code in adult facilities; to amend the Attorney General for the District of Columbia Clarification and Elected Term Amendment Act of 2010 to require the establishment of a victim-offender mediation program; to amend the Revised Statutes of the District of Columbia to require the Metropolitan Police Department to cooperate with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in its review of the root causes of juvenile delinquency; to amend the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the District of Columbia Establishment Act of 2001 to require the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to conduct an analysis of the root causes of juvenile delinquency; to amend An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia to require the Department of Corrections to cooperate with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in its review of the root causes of juvenile delinquency; to amend An Act To establish a Board of Indeterminate Sentence and Parole for the District of Columbia and to determine its functions, and for other purposes to eliminate mandatory minimums for juveniles charged as adults, to ban the use of juvenile life sentences without parole, and to allow for sentence review for individuals who have served 20 years or more in prison for crimes committed as juveniles; to amend the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services Establishment Act of 2004 to better inform the families of committed juveniles about their commitment and the resources available to them, to require the Department of