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25 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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29 To amend the Community College of the District of Columbia Plan for Independence Act of  
30 2011 to establish a scholarship program to provide free tuition and the cost of mandatory fees to  
31 DC residents enrolled at the University of the District of Columbia Community College, and to  
32 require the University of the District of Columbia Community College to develop, adopt, and  
33 implement the scholarship program. This act also requires the Community College to establish  
34 agreements with local colleges and universities that allows for automatic admission for graduates  
35 from the Community College.

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38 BE IT ENACTED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
39 act may be cited as the "Community College For All Scholarship Amendment Act of 2017"

40 Sec. 2 The Community College of the District of Columbia Plan for Independence Act  
41 of 2011, effective September 13, 2011 (D.C. Law 19-21; D.C. Official Code 38-1271.01 *et seq.*),  
42 is amended by adding new sections 4705 and 4706 to read as follows:

1           “Sec. 4705. Community College For All Scholarship program.

2           “(a) There is established the Community College For All Scholarship program (“CCS  
3 program”) at the University of the District of Columbia Community Collge (“UDC-CC”) to be  
4 administered by the UDC-CC’s Office of the Chief Executive Officer (“Office”) and the  
5 University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees (“Board”), which shall replace the  
6 current system of charging students tuition and fees to enroll at UDC-CC.

7           “(b)(1) The CCS program shall provide an eligible student who is admitted to and enrolled  
8 at UDC-CC a scholarship equal to the cost of tuition and mandatory fees.

9           “(2)(A) For a student to be eligible to receive the scholarship, the student shall:

10                           “(i) Be a resident of the District;

11                           “(ii) Be admitted to and enrolled at UDC-CC following:

12   “(I) Graduation from a high school located in the District;

13   “(II) Graduation from a high school located outside of the District  
14 and has been living in the District for at least 2 years;

15   “(III) Completion of high school as a District of Columbia home  
16 school student; or

17   “(IV) Having obtained a general education diploma; provided that  
18 the student obtains the general education diploma prior to reaching 24 years of age; and

19   “(iii) Participate in mentoring and community service programs  
20 under the rules and regulations promulgated by UDC-CC;

1                   “(B) To continue to receive the scholarship, a student shall maintain  
2 satisfactory academic progress and a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

3                   “(c) A student shall be eligible for the CCS program scholarship by this section until the  
4 student has earned an associate degree from UDC-CC or the number of years the student has  
5 attended UDC-CC, excluding approved leaves of absence, equals 2 years from the date of the  
6 student’s initial enrollment at UDC-CC, whichever comes first.

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8                   “(d) The Office of the Chief Executive Officer shall work with DCPS and the DC Public  
9 Charter Board to streamline admission processes to allow for every potentially eligible high  
10 school senior to apply for admission to UDC-CC before the end of the first semester of their last  
11 year of high school.

12                   “Sec. 4706. Scholarship fund.

13                   “(a) There is established a Community College for All Scholarship Fund (“Fund), which  
14 shall be administered by UDC-CC’s Office of the Chief Executive Officer and the University of  
15 the District of Columbia Board of Trustees in accordance with subsections (c) and (d) of this  
16 section.

17                   “(b) Revenue from the following sources shall be deposited in the Fund:

18                   “(1) Local funds, grants, or any forms of local assistance;

19                   “(2) Donations, gifts, and grants from public and private entities;

20                   “(3) Federal funds, grants, and any other federal assistance; and

1                   “(4) Any surplus funds over the \$2,000,000,000 or 60 days of cash in reserve  
2 shall be deposited into the Fund up to \$15,000,000.

3                   “(c) Money in the Fund shall be used to fund the CCS program as established in section  
4 4705.

5                   “(d)(1) The money deposited into the Fund, and interest earned, shall not revert to the  
6 unrestricted fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a fiscal  
7 year, or at any other time.

8                   “(2) Subject to authorization in an approved budget and financial plan, any funds  
9 appropriated in the Fund shall be continually available without regard to fiscal year limitation.”.

10                   Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement

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

14                   Sec. 7. Effective date.

15                   The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by  
16 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
17 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
18 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
19 Columbia Register.

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