IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to create a financial literacy and entrepreneurial program that will provide individuals the permanent supportive housing program with knowledge on how to better manage finances, credit, and debt and to make more financially responsible decisions and to improve case management.

BE IT ENACATED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this bill may be cited as the “Integrating Financial Capabilities Amendment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective February 28, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4–751.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) A new section 15a is added to read as follows:

"Sec. 15a. Additional requirements for permanent supportive housing.

“(a) In addition to the requirements in sections 12, 13, 14, and 15, for clients in permanent supportive housing the Department shall:
(1) Work with the providers of permanent supportive housing to provide clients with financial literacy and entrepreneurial training to ensure clients receive training on how to better manage finances, credit, and debt and how to make more financially responsible decisions; and

(2) Coordinate a monthly case management evaluation with each client, the client's case manager, and an third-party advocate to assess and document the client's case-management needs and whether the client's goals are being met, including an assessment of the client's financial literacy skills.

"(b)(1) The Department shall assign each client a financial accountability partner."

"(2) The financial accountability partner shall evaluate how the client has progressed from the start of the program until the end of the program.

"(c) The Department shall partner with at least one not-for-profit organization receiving funding and resources from the District to provide financial literacy and entrepreneurial training services to clients in permanent supportive housing.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact Statement.

Sec. 4. Effective date.

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