

Councilmember Phil Mendelson

Councilmember Jack Evans

Councilmember Muriel Bowser

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmember Jack Evans and Phil Mendelson introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To amend the Crime Victims Rights Act to permit the submission of a community impact statement prior to the imposition of sentence and to require the Court to consider such statement in determining an appropriate sentence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Community Impact Statement Amendment Act of 2009”.

Sec. 2. D.C. Official Code § 23-1904 is amended by adding a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

“(f) (1) In addition to a victim as defined in D.C. Official Code § 23-1905(2), one or more members of a community adversely affected by the commission of the crime or type of crime committed by the defendant shall have the right to submit, prior to imposition of sentence, a community impact statement and the Court shall consider such community impact statement(s) in determining the appropriate sentence to be imposed on the defendant.

1 “(2) For purposes of this subsection,

2 “(A) “Community impact statement” means a written statement that provides  
3 information about the adverse social, financial, emotional and physical effects of the crime(s) on  
4 the community.

5 “(B) “Community” means a formal or informal association or group of people  
6 who live, work, attend school or participate in social, recreational, civic, or religious activities in  
7 the same place or neighborhood.”

8 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

9 The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact statement  
10 required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
11 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

12 Sec. 4. Effective date.

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