

Appendix for “Implementing the NEAR Act to reduce violence in the District of Columbia”

The table below provides an overview of all twenty titles and subtitles of the signed version of the NEAR Act.

Table 1: An overview of the NEAR Act		
Title	Description	Intended Impact*
Title 1(A)	Establishment of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement	The ONSE will identify and recruit individuals determined to be at high risk of participating in, or being a victim of, violent criminal activity in a program combining counseling, mentorship, and workforce development.
Title 1(B)	Establishment of the Office of Violence Prevention and Health Equity	The OVPHE will develop and implement a public health strategy to combat the spread of violence using risk assessment tools, cognitive and family-based therapy, and service coordination. The OVPHE will also place trained personnel in hospital trauma centers to respond to victims of crime immediately and deescalate violent situations.
Title 1(C)	Community Crime Prevention Team	A new program that will pair mental and behavioral health professionals with Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers. The teams will identify and serve individuals who present signs of mental illness or substance use.
Title 2(A)	Community Policing Working Group	Creates a ten-member working group with representatives from the government, non-profits, and community organizations to examine national best practices on community policing.
Title 2(B)	Establishment of the Homicide Elimination Strategy Task Force	Reestablishes the Homicide Elimination Strategy Task Force (with 20 members) to develop a comprehensive plan to eliminate murder in the District.
Title 2(C)	Police-Community Relations Survey	Requires the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to conduct an opinion survey of police-community relations in the District of Columbia.
Title 2(D)	Assault on a Police Officer	Clarifies and narrows what constitutes an assault on a police officer (APO); creates a new crime "Resisting a Police Officer" to address some actions that were removed from the APO definition.

Title 2(E)	Officer Training	Requires MPD to develop continuing education training program for sworn officers that focuses on community policing, prevention of bias-based policing, use of force, limitations on the use of chokehold and neck restraints, mental and behavioral health awareness, and linguistic and cultural competency.
Title 2(F)	Office of Police Complaints Independent Complaint Review Authority	Broadens the Police Complaints Board review authority to include additional types of incidents, and gives them sole authority to receive and adjudicate any citizen complaint that alleges abuse or misuse of police powers. The subtitle also authorizes this Office to audit MPD internal affairs investigations related to citizen complaints.
Title 2(G)	Stop and Frisk and Use of Force Data Collection	Expands data collection and reporting requirements for police stops and use of force incidents. Officers will be required to record place and time information, the justification for a stop and search, and the outcome of the interaction.
Title 2(H)	Crime Data Collection	Requires the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice to identify data trends in felony crime, and report to the Mayor and Council on the characteristics of felony defendants and their victims.
Title 2(I)	Officer Retention and Recruitment	Changes overtime rules for inspectors and senior MPD officers and changes police minimum hiring requirements to incentivize recruitment of new officers
Title 2(J)	Rehiring of Retired MPD Officers by the Department of Forensic Sciences	Allows the Department of Forensic Sciences to rehire retired officers without jeopardizing a retired officer's retirement benefits.
Title 2(K)	Private Security Camera System Incentive Program	Makes permanent the Private Security Camera System Incentive Program, which provides subsidies to residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institution to install outdoor security camera systems and register the systems with MPD.
Title 3	Traffic Citation Modernization Program	Clarifies the ban on driving with an obstructed view.
Title 4	D.C. Jail Work Release Program	Allows for temporary release of people at the Central Detention Facility or the Correctional Treatment Facility for employment or schooling.

Title 5	D.C. Jail Good Time Credits	Increases from eight to ten the number of good time credits a person in jail can earn per calendar month.
Title 6	Firearms Control Boundaries Clarification	Clarifies and makes permanent firearm control boundaries near the White House and U.S. Naval Observatory.
Title 7	Firearms Ammunition Microstamping Implementation	Delays the requirement that all semiautomatic pistols be microstamp-ready by January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2018.
Title 8	Swift and Certain Sanctions	Allows the court to order up to 72 hours of "temporary detention" if a person on pretrial release violates "a condition of that release by violating a stay-away order or an order to wear a detection device."
<p>* "Intended Impact" descriptions can be found in the CFO Fiscal Impact Statement and on Councilmember McDuffie's website.</p> <p>D.C. Policy Center</p>		

Table 2: The NEAR Act in the Mayor's proposed 2018 budget

An overview of the Mayor's proposed 2018 funding levels for the provisions of the NEAR Act that require funding.

Title	Description	CFO FY18 Fiscal Impact	Mayor's FY18 Budget	Additional Notes
Title 1(A)	Establishment of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement	\$1,384,178	\$6,270,000	- \$4.2M in Career Connection funding for counseling, training, and subsidized internships. - 30 total FTE, including 20 Roving Leaders from DPR.
Title 1 (B)	Establishment of the Office of Violence Prevention and Health Equity	\$5,271,682	\$2,300,000	- Cost estimate was much higher than what is needed to fully operationalize.
Title 1(C)	Community Crime Prevention Team	\$970,544	\$970,544	
Title 2(H)	Crime Data Collection	\$84,987	\$97,422	
Title 2(K)	Private Security Camera System Incentive Program	\$0	\$500,000	
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