


Councilmember David Grosso

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the ABLE Program Trust Establishment Act of 2015 to require the Child and Family Services Agency to assist eligible youth who receive Social Security Disability and Medicaid in enrolling in the ABLE program; and amend Section § 4-1303.03 of the D.C. Official Code to require Child and Family Services Agency to provide Financial Literacy lessons to youth in their care, as well as other savings option.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “ABLE Accounts for Youth in Care Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. Section 303(b) of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective September 23, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-22; D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.03), is amended by adding a new paragraphs (9C) and (9D) to read as follows:

“(9C) Assist eligible youth who are in the custody of the Agency in opening an ABLE account, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 47-4902, and, as an incentive to opening an ABLE account, contribute \$50 monthly, as funds permit, to the ABLE account of any youth in the custody of the Agency who opens an ABLE account.

“(9D) Provide financial literacy lessons to youth in the custody of the Agency, including information on opening an ABLE account pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 47-4902, as well as other savings options.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

33 Section 4. Effective date.

34 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
35 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
36 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
37 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
38 Columbia Register.