A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmember Muriel Bowser introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on _______________________

To modify the established video visitation program within the District Department of Corrections to also allow for in-person visitation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the “Video Visitation Modification Act of 2013”.

Sec. 2(a) The District Department of Corrections shall reinstate the in-person visitation program described in Program Statement 4080.1F, which preceded Program Statement 4080.2. All inmates housed at the Central Detention Facility and the Correctional Treatment Facility shall be permitted to receive in-person visits, subject to proper approval and compliance with District Department of Corrections regulations.

Approval for in-person visits shall not unreasonably be withheld.

(b) The District of Columbia Department of Corrections shall continue to offer video visitation, described in Program Statement 4080.2, as an option for visitors to facilities equipped for video visitation. Visitors to facilities that are equipped for video visitation may choose between visiting an inmate in person or through video.

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

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 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.