SCHEDULED HEARINGS AND ROUNDTABLES

As of May 22, 2013

The Committee invites the public to testify at the listed hearings. Individuals who wish to testify should contact Tawanna Shuford at 724-7808 or tshuford@dccouncil.us, by 5 p.m. the day prior to the hearing, and provide their name; address; telephone number; organizational affiliation, if any; and which hearing they wish to attend.

Wednesday, May 29, 11:00 a.m. (Room 412): Bill 20-143, the "Personal Property Robbery Prevention Amendment Act of 2013", would enable the Police Chief to designate items high offense contraband, require licensed businesses to maintain records on purchase of high offense contraband, allow police access to those records, and enable the Chief to request the revocation, suspension, or restriction of a business license where the business does not comply. (This hearing was been rescheduled from Thursday May 23, 2013.)


Thursday, June 6, 2013, 11:00 a.m. (Room 500): Bill 20-193, the "Administrative Birth Certificate Amendment Act of 2013", would establish that administrative birth certificates are adequate proof of parentage. (This hearing was previously scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, June 20, 2013, 11:00 a.m. (Room 412): Bill 20-32, The Surrogacy Parenting Agreement Act of 2013” would amend Title 16 of the D.C. Code to permit surrogates parenting contracts and would establish what constitutes a legal relationship between a child and his or her intended parent and govern the proceedings to establish that relationship. Please note: Working with stakeholders, the Committee has made significant changes to the introduced version: The updated draft will be the subject of the hearing. A draft copy of the updated bill will be available from the Committee and posted on the Committee website prior to the hearing.

Thursday, June 27, 2013, 11 a.m. (Room 412): The public oversight roundtable on “The Metropolitan Police Department’s Strategic Services Bureau” will discuss the role and responsibilities of the Strategic Services Bureau.

Monday, July 1, 2013, 1:30 p.m. (Room 412): Bill 20-216, the "Uniform Deployed Parents Visitation and Custody Act of 2013"; Bill 20-217, the "Uniform Premarital and Marital Agreement Act of 2013"; Bill 20-218, the "Uniform Asset Freezing Orders Act of 2013"; Bill 20-219, the "Uniform Partition of Heirs Act of 2013"; and Bill 20-221, the "Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act of 2013".

Monday, July 8, 2013, 11:30 a.m. (Room 500): The Committee will convene a public hearing on Bill 20-48, the "Civil Asset Forfeiture Amendment Act of 2013" and Bill 20-107, the "Charlies And Hilda Mason’s Elder Abuse Clarification Act of 2013". Bill 20-48 would make a number of changes to the civil forfeiture process, including to ensure that property owners are promptly notified after their property is seized and held for a civil forfeiture proceeding; ensure that all property seized is inventoried and cataloged; eliminate the bond requirement as a prerequisite to a civil forfeiture proceeding; and ensure that property owners have a preliminary hearing to contest the seizure of their property; among others. Bill 20-107 would establish stricter penalties for elder abuse or failure to report abuse, create more autonomy for elders, increase criminal penalties for elder abuse, establish financial abuse as a form of elder abuse, and prevent a convicted abuser from inheriting from their victims.

Thursday, July 11, 2013, 10:00 a.m. (Room 120): The Committee will convene a public hearing on Bill 20-9, the "Emergency Medical Services Amendment Act of 2013"; and Bill 20-122, the "Video Visitation Modification Act of 2013". Bill 20-9 would clarify the ability of civilian, single-role emergency medical service providers to participate in the Police Officers’ and Fire Fighters’ Retirement Program and would establish a District of Columbia Advisory Paramedic Review Board. Bill 20-122 would modify the video visitation program in the Department of Corrections to also allow in-person visitation.