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AN AMENDMENT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Offered by: Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau

To: B26- 26-461, the “Juvenile Curfew Amendment Act of 2025”

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Amendment

Line 165: New subsection (j) is added to read as follows:

“(j) If an officer determines that a minor is violating an extended youth curfew zone issued pursuant Juvenile Curfew Act of 1995 (D.C. Law 11-48; D.C. Official Code § 2-1541 *et seq.*) and detains or arrests them solely for that violation, the officer may not transport the minor to a juvenile detention facility.”.

Rationale

This prohibition applies only if the sole basis for detention/arrest is the curfew violation. The primary goal is diversion. Handling cases that involve youth require extra care, consideration, and documentation. A curfew violation is a status offense: conduct that is unlawful only because the person is a minor. Since youth who are under the age of eighteen are considered minors, the

law should treat them as such, especially when they are engaging in disorderly behavior that does not cross the line into illegality. Children arrested for curfew violations and not charged with any other status offenses or delinquent acts should not be at a secure detention facility for safety reasons.