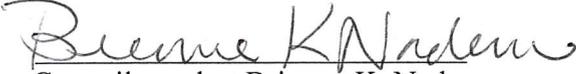
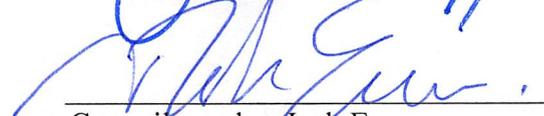


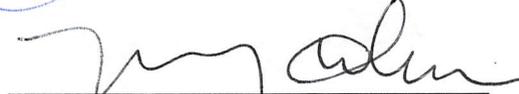
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32 To establish the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention Research to research the causes and
33 effects of urban firearm violence and to make recommendations to prevent firearm
34 violence in the District of Columbia.

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36 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
37 act may be cited as the "Center for Firearm Violence Prevention Research Establishment Act of
38 2019".

39 Sec. 2. (a) There is established the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention Research
40 ("Center"), which shall be administered by an academic research institution in the District of
41 Columbia, to be determined by the Mayor.

42 (b) The Center shall address:

43 (1) The nature of firearm violence, including individual and societal determinants
44 of risk for involvement in firearm violence, whether as a victim or a perpetrator;

45 (2) The consequence of firearm violence as it affects the individual, the
46 immediate community, and the larger society; and

47 (3) The prevention and treatment of firearm violence at the individual, community,
48 and societal levels.

49 (c) The Center shall conduct basic, translational, and transformative research with a
50 mission to provide the scientific evidence on which sound firearm violence prevention policies
51 and programs can be based, including the effectiveness of existing laws and policies intended to
52 reduce firearm violence, the criminal misuse of firearms, and efforts to promote the responsible
53 ownership and use of firearms.

54 (d) The Center shall work on a continuing basis with policymakers in the Executive
55 Office of the Mayor and the Council to identify, implement, and evaluate innovative firearm
56 violence prevention policies and programs.

57 (e) To help ensure a long-term and successful effort to understand and prevent firearm
58 violence, the Center shall recruit and provide specialized training opportunities for new
59 researchers, including experienced investigators in related fields who are beginning work on
60 firearm violence, young investigators who have completed their education, postdoctoral scholars,
61 doctoral students, and undergraduates.

62 (f)(1) As a supplement to its own research and subject to funding, the Center may
63 administer a grant program for research on firearm violence.

64 (2) All research funds shall be awarded on the basis of scientific merit as
65 determined by an open, competitive peer review process that assures objectivity, consistency,
66 and high quality.

67 (3) All qualified investigators, regardless of institutional affiliation, shall have
68 equal access and opportunity to compete for the funds.

69 (4) The peer review process for the selection of grants awarded under this program
70 shall be modeled on the process used by the National Institutes of Health in its grantmaking
71 process.

72 (5) The Center and all recipients of grants shall provide copies of their research
73 publications to the Council and to agencies supplying data used in the conduct of that research as
74 soon as is practicable following publication.

75 (g) By January 1, 2019, or 6 months after receiving funding, whichever is later, and every
76 3 years thereafter, the Center shall transmit programmatic, as well as financial, report to the
77 Mayor and Council by January 1 of each year, including a report on the grants made and pending
78 grants, if any, program accomplishments, and the future direction of the program.

79 (h) The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, the Metropolitan
80 Police Department, the Department of Health, the Department of Behavioral Health, the
81 Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Office of the Attorney General shall provide to the
82 Center, upon written request, the data necessary for the Center to conduct its research.

83 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement

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

87 Sec. 4. Effective date.

88 The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
89 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
90 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
91 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
92 Columbia Register.