

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Human Services

PUBLIC HEARING

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 117, Washington, D.C. 20004

**THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
TOMMY WELLS, CHAIR**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**BILL 18-1007, "TANF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY
ACT OF 2010"**

AND

BILL 18-1059, "HOMELESS SERVICES REFORM AMENDMENT ACT OF 2010"

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010 AT 11:30 A.M.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Tommy Wells, Chair of the Committee on Human Services, announces a Public Hearing on two bills:

1. "TANF Educational Opportunities and Accountability Act Of 2010"; and
2. "Homeless Services Reform Act of 2010".

The hearing will be held on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 11:30 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building.

On September 21, 2010, Councilmember Michael Brown and Tommy Wells introduced the TANF Educational Opportunities and Accountabilities Act of 2010. The legislation will amend Chapter 2 of Title 4 to expand the definition of acceptable TANF work activities to include certain education and job training programs in accordance with federal regulations; to require the use of a standardized initial assessment for all TANF participants; and to require more robust and transparent outcome measurements from TANF vendors.

On October 19, 2010, Councilmember Wells introduced the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2010. The legislation will amend the Homeless Services Reform Amendment Act of

2005 to clarify that the right to homeless shelter extends to those who are literally homeless; to require that individual and families seeking severe weather shelter in the District be District residents, except that low-barrier shelters shall not require residency; to list the evidence that can demonstrate residency, and to authorize the Mayor to place families in non-apartment-style severe weather shelters.

Those who wish to testify should contact Ms. Vivian McCarter of the Committee on Human Services by e-mail at vmccarter@dccouncil.us or by telephone at (202) 724-8191 by Friday, November 5, 2010. E-mail contacts to Ms. McCarter should include the residential ward, full name, title, and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. Those testifying will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 10, 2010.