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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 2748**

To establish a program to beautify the District of Columbia and to establish the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful Commission, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

Mr. SCHMITT introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Make the District of
5 Columbia Safe and Beautiful Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
 2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
 3 gress” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
 5 ernment Reform of the House of Representa-
 6 tives; and

7 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
 8 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

9 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
 10 means the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful
 11 Commission established under section 4(a).

12 (3) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
 13 the program developed under section 3(a)(1).

14 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM TO BEAUTIFY THE DISTRICT OF COLUM-**
 17 **BIA.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
 20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
 21 shall develop a program to beautify the District of
 22 Columbia.

23 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary, when es-
 24 tablishing the Program, shall consult with each of
 25 the following:

1 (A) The Attorney General.

2 (B) The Secretary of Transportation.

3 (C) The Mayor of the District of Colum-
4 bia.

5 (D) The United States Attorney for the
6 District of Columbia.

7 (E) The Administrator of General Services.

8 (F) The heads of such other Federal de-
9 partments and agencies and District of Colum-
10 bia officials as the Secretary deems appropriate.

11 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Program is to es-
12 tablish a plan for Federal and local officials to—

13 (1) coordinate, and maintain, the cleanliness of
14 Federal and District of Columbia facilities, monu-
15 ments, land, public spaces, sidewalks, parks, high-
16 ways, roads, transit systems, and other commonly
17 visited areas within the District of Columbia, includ-
18 ing through the removal of graffiti;

19 (2) restore Federal public monuments, memo-
20 rials, statues, markers, and similar properties that
21 have been damaged or defaced or inappropriately re-
22 moved or changed; and

23 (3) encourage private sector participation in the
24 efforts of the Program.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
 2 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Sec-
 3 retary shall submit to the Committees on Homeland Secu-
 4 rity and Governmental Affairs and on Energy and Natural
 5 Resources of the Senate and the Committees on Oversight
 6 and Government Reform and on Natural Resources of the
 7 House of Representatives a report that includes a sum-
 8 mary of the progress made toward achieving the purpose
 9 of the Program as described in subsection (b).

10 (d) SUNSET.—This section, and the Program estab-
 11 lished by this section, shall terminate on January 2, 2029.

12 **SEC. 4. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL**
 13 **COMMISSION.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the ex-
 15 ecutive branch a District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful
 16 Commission.

17 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be
 19 comprised of representatives of each of the following
 20 entities:

21 (A) The Department of the Interior.

22 (B) The Department of Transportation.

23 (C) The Department of Homeland Secu-
 24 rity.

25 (D) The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

1 (E) The United States Marshals Service.

2 (F) The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Fire-
3 arms and Explosives.

4 (G) The United States Attorney's Office
5 for the District of Columbia.

6 (H) The United States Attorney's Office
7 for the District of Maryland.

8 (I) The United States Attorney's Office for
9 the Eastern District of Virginia.

10 (J) Such other entities of the Federal Gov-
11 ernment as may be determined by the Chair of
12 the Commission.

13 (2) DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS.—Not later
14 than 45 days after the date of enactment of this sec-
15 tion (or, in the case of an entity described in sub-
16 section (b)(1)(J), not later than 45 days after the
17 Chair of the Commission designates the entity), the
18 head of each entity described in subsection (b)(1)
19 shall designate a representative of that entity to
20 serve as the representative of the entity on the Com-
21 mission.

22 (c) CHAIR.—

23 (1) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 45 days
24 after the date of enactment of this section, the
25 President shall designate a senior level official from

1 the Executive Office of the President to serve as the
2 Chair of the Commission.

3 (2) FUNCTIONS.—The Chair of the Commission
4 shall perform functions that include the following:

5 (A) Developing a schedule of meetings for
6 the Commission.

7 (B) Designating entities who shall be rep-
8 resented on the Commission under subsection
9 (b)(1)(J).

10 (C) In consultation with the members of
11 the Commission, developing a charter for the
12 Commission and, not later than 7 days after
13 the date on which the charter is completed, sub-
14 mitting the charter to the appropriate commit-
15 tees of Congress.

16 (d) FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITIES.—

17 (1) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Com-
18 mission are to recommend actions, and review the
19 effectiveness of such actions, with respect to the fol-
20 lowing:

21 (A) Developing and encouraging the imple-
22 mentation of policies that will direct the max-
23 imum enforcement of Federal immigration law
24 within the District of Columbia, including poli-
25 cies to encourage the redirection of available

1 Federal, State, or local law enforcement re-
2 sources to apprehend and deport illegal aliens.

3 (B) Monitoring the District of Columbia's
4 sanctuary city status and compliance with the
5 enforcement of Federal immigration law.

6 (C) Facilitating the prompt and complete
7 accreditation of the District of Columbia's fo-
8 rensic crime laboratory.

9 (D) In collaboration with its leadership
10 and union, ensuring that the Metropolitan Po-
11 lice Department of the District of Columbia is
12 provided with assistance to facilitate the re-
13 cruitment, retention, and capabilities of its offi-
14 cers and facilitating the provision of Federal
15 personnel, resources, and expertise to reduce
16 crime.

17 (E) Collaborating with appropriate local
18 government entities to provide assistance to in-
19 crease the speed and lower the cost of proc-
20 essing concealed carry license requests in the
21 District of Columbia.

22 (F) Reviewing and, as appropriate, recom-
23 mending revisions to Federal prosecutorial poli-
24 cies on pretrial detention of criminal defendants
25 to ensure that individuals who pose a genuine

1 threat to public safety are detained to the max-
2 imum extent permitted by law.

3 (G) Collaborating with appropriate local
4 government entities to provide assistance to end
5 fare evasion and other crime within the Wash-
6 ington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
7 system.

8 (H) Facilitating the deployment of a more
9 robust Federal law enforcement presence, and
10 in coordination with local law enforcement
11 agencies, facilitating the deployment of a more
12 robust local law enforcement presence (as ap-
13 propriate) within the District of Columbia, in-
14 cluding the National Mall and Memorial Parks,
15 museums, monuments, Lafayette Park, Union
16 Station, Rock Creek Park, Anacostia Park, the
17 George Washington Memorial Parkway, the
18 Suitland Parkway, and the Baltimore-Wash-
19 ington Parkway.

20 (2) COORDINATION WITH OTHER AUTHORI-
21 TIES.—The Commission may, to the extent per-
22 mitted by law, request operational assistance from
23 and coordinate with Federal and local officials as
24 appropriate, including the Metropolitan Police De-
25 partment of the District of Columbia, the Wash-

1 ington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the
2 United States Park Police, and the Amtrak Police.

3 (e) REPORT.—The Commission shall submit to the
4 appropriate committees of Congress a report that includes
5 a summary of the functions and authorities carried out
6 pursuant to subsection (d), and shall include in the report
7 such recommendations for legislation as the Commission
8 considers appropriate.

9 (f) SUNSET.—This section, and the Commission es-
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