

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3698

AN ACT

To amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise references in such title to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Words Matter for the
3 District of Columbia Courts Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLEC-**
5 **TUAL DISABILITIES.**

6 (a) **JURISDICTION OF UNITED STATES DISTRICT**
7 **COURT.**—Section 11–501(2)(D), District of Columbia Of-
8 ficial Code, is amended by striking “substantially retarded
9 persons” and inserting “persons with moderate intellec-
10 tual disabilities”.

11 (b) **JURISDICTION OF SUPERIOR COURT.**—Section
12 11–921(a)(4)(D), District of Columbia Official Code, is
13 amended by striking “substantially retarded persons” and
14 inserting “persons with moderate intellectual disabilities”.

15 (c) **JURISDICTION OF FAMILY COURT.**—Section 11–
16 1101(a)(15), District of Columbia Official Code, is amend-
17 ed by striking “the at least moderately mentally retarded”
18 and inserting “persons with moderate intellectual disabil-
19 ities”.

Passed the Senate September 25, 2024.

Attest:

Secretary.

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