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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency, with respect to the need to clarify that the Research Practice Partnership and its Advisory Committee are not public bodies.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Research Practice Partnership Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021.”

Sec. 2. (a) In 2018, the Council approved the “District of Columbia Education Research Practice Partnership Establishment and Audit Act of 2018,” which created an educational Research Practice Partnership (RPP) Collaborative and an Advisory Committee to help advise the RPP with regard to its research agenda and practices.

(b) The RPP Collaborative is headed by Urban Institute and is made up of several research entities. The District government provides data to the RPP Collaborative for the purposes of research but has not provided any funding to the RPP to date.

(c) The Advisory Committee is made up of 21 individuals – some of whom are considered institutional members and 12 members who are considered non-institutional members

37 (c) The Advisory Committee is set to have its first meeting on December 6, 2021.

38 (d) Confusion exists as to whether the RPP and its Advisory Committee are public  
39 entities. When the Council created the RPP and the Advisory Committee, it did not intend for  
40 either to be considered public bodies or entities. Thus, this legislation is needed to clarify that  
41 neither are public bodies or entities.

42 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in  
43 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Research Practice  
44 Partnership Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

45 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.