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Words Matter for the District of Columbia Courts Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

Introduced: Jan 31, 2024

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Sep 27, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/3698>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]

Party: Republican • State: KS • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 31, 2024
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 17, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 10, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6163	Identical bill	Nov 1, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

Summary (as of Sep 25, 2024)

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This bill amends sections of the Code of the District of Columbia to replace the term *mentally retarded* with the term *moderate intellectual disabilities*.

Specifically, the bill replaces the term in sections of the code for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 27, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 27, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 26, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 25, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 25, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6466; text: CR S6466)
- **Sep 10, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters without amendment. With written report No. 118-219.
- **Sep 10, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 498.
- **Apr 10, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 31, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 31, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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