

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 858

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 1999

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## AN ACT

To amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to extend coverage under the whistleblower protection provisions of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to personnel of the courts of the District of Columbia.

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 “District of Columbia  
5 Court Employees Whistleblower Protection Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION FOR PERSONNEL**  
7 **OF THE COURTS OF THE DISTRICT OF CO-**  
8 **LUMBIA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 17 of  
10 title 11, District of Columbia Code, is amended by adding  
11 at the end the following new section:

12 **“§ 11–1733. Whistleblower protection for court per-**  
13 **sonnel**

14 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, section  
15 1503 of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit  
16 Personnel Act of 1978 (DC Code, sec. 1–616.3) shall  
17 apply to court personnel, except that court personnel may  
18 institute a civil action pursuant to subsection (c) of such  
19 section in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
20 or the United States District Court for the District of Co-  
21 lumbia.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
23 for subchapter II of chapter 17 of title 11, District of Co-  
24 lumbia Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
25 lowing new item:

“11–1733. Whistleblower protection for court personnel.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       The amendments made by section 2 shall take effect  
3 as if included in the enactment of title XI of the Balanced  
4 Budget Act of 1997.

      Passed the House of Representatives March 16,  
1999.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk.*