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A Local Law in relation to a task force regarding the transportation of homeless students

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Family assistant. The term “family assistant” means department of education staff assigned to work with shelters and schools to provide assist homeless families with obtaining transportation assistance and other services for which they are eligible under the mckinney-vento act, as enacted by public law 100-77.

Shelter. The term “shelter” means temporary emergency housing provided to homeless individuals and families by the department of homeless services, the department of social services or a provider under contract or similar agreement with such departments.

b. There shall be a task force regarding the transportation of homeless students consisting of at least 9 members. Members of the task force shall be appointed by the mayor after consultation with the speaker of the council. Such task force shall include the following members:

1. the commissioner of homeless services, or their designee, who shall serve as chair;
2. the commissioner of the department of social services, or their designee;
3. the deputy chancellor for operations of the city school district, or their designee;
4. at least two family assistants;
5. at least two representatives of organizations which provide shelter for families with children; and

6. at least two representatives of a companies which provide busing services to students.

c. All members of the task force shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the mayor. Any vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. All members shall be appointed within 60 days of the enactment of this local law.

d. The task force shall meet at least quarterly and shall submit a report of its recommendations to the mayor and the speaker of the council no later than 12 months after the final member of the task force is appointed. Such report shall include an assessment of the barriers to arranging transportation for students living in shelter and recommendations for addressing such barriers.

e. The task force shall cease to exist upon the publication of the report required pursuant to subdivision d.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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