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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of education to report on gay-straight or gender-sexuality alliance organizations

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 14 to title 21-A to read as follows:

Chapter 14. Reporting on GSAs

§ 21-976 Reporting on GSAs. a. For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

GSA. The term “GSA” means student-led groups that focus on issues of sexual and gender orientation, including but not limited to, combating homophobia and transphobia. These groups are commonly referred to as gay-straight alliances or gender-sexuality alliances.

LGBTQGNC training. The term “LGBTQGNC training” means training or professional development provided by the department that relates to supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning and gender non-conforming students.

School. The term “school” means a school of the city school district of the city of New York that contains any combination of grades from grade six up to and including grade twelve.

b. No later than June 1, 2019, and annually thereafter on or before June 1, the department shall submit to the council and post online a report for the current academic year regarding the status of GSAs at each school. The report shall contain the following information for each school:

1. Whether such school has a GSA;

2. The number of teachers at such school that have received LGBTQGNC training;

3. The number of administrators, including the principal, at such school that have received LGBTQGNC training; and

4. A narrative description of the LGBTQGNC training offered to teachers and administrators, including whether any such training includes training related to GSAs.

c. No information that is otherwise required to be reported pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state or local law relating to the privacy of student information or that would conflict with the interests of law enforcement or the safety of students.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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