

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 1986**

No. 58

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Introduced by Council Members Crispino, the Vice-Chairman (Council Member Vallone), Foster, Spigner and Williams; also Council Members Castaneira, Colon, Dear, DiBrienza, Dryfoos, Eisland, Ferrer, Harrison, Leffler, McCaffrey, Michels, O'Donovan, Povman and Wooten.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a substance abuse task force.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section one. Legislative findings. In 1978, after the State assumed direct responsibility for contract management, supervision and evaluation of all community-based drug-abuse programs, the city of New York dismantled its addiction services agency. Subsequently, drug and substance abuse programs became decentralized with many city agencies providing a plethora of overlapping substance abuse services. Moreover, despite the existence of several substance abuse services, the number of drug addicts within the city has increased by 50% since 1978 to 675,000.

The recent influx of "crack" has heightened the need for controlling substance abuse. Drugs are destroying city communities, limiting the access of public facilities by city residents, reducing the city's housing stock and generally reducing the level of the quality of life. As the city is forced to devote more and more resources to the war against drug use and provide greater services to drug addicts, the need for coordination from a central body becomes evident.

A task force, headed by the criminal justice coordinator will ensure that city agencies no longer provide a duplication of services and that financial resources are no longer unnecessarily drained. For these reasons, the council hereby declares that a permanent task force be established to foster greater cooperation between the various city agencies in the battle against drug use and in providing drug abuse services.

Section two. Chapter one of title three of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended by the addition of a new section, 3-111; to follow 3-110, to read as follows:

Section 3-111. a. Composition—(1) The mayor shall appoint a drug enforcement and drug abuse task force which shall be chaired by the criminal justice coordinator and shall consist, but not be limited to, representatives of the police department; human resource administration; department of health; department of correction; department of housing preservation and development; department of finance; department of probation; and the criminal justice coordinator. (2) The substance abuse task force shall request that the following agencies or officers send their own representatives to serve on this task force: health and hospitals Corporation; board of education; the New York County, Kings County, Queens County, Richmond County and Bronx county district attorney's offices; and the special narcotics prosecutor.

b. Report. The drug enforcement and drug abuse task force shall submit an informal quarterly report of its ongoing coordination activities and a formal annual report in September of each year to the mayor and the council. Such report shall include any findings and recommendations of the task force.

Section three. This local law shall take effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on November 6, 1986, and approved by the Mayor on November 24, 1986.

CARLOS CUEVAS, City Clerk, Clerk of Council.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW § 27

Pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law § 27, I hereby certify that the enclosed local law (Local Law 58 of 1986, Council Int. No. 675-A) contains the correct text and:

Received the following vote at the meeting of the New York City Council on November 6, 1986: 34 for, 0 against.

Was approved by the Mayor on November 24, 1986.

Was returned to the City Clerk on November 24, 1986.

JEFFREY D. FRIEDLANDER, Acting Corporation Counsel.