CURRENT INTRODUCTION NUMBER:
Int. No. 579

INITIAL SPONSORS:
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TITLE:
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on the racial and gender makeup of firefighter examination applicants, eligible lists, academy admissions and graduation statistics.

BILL SUMMARY:
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To become a firefighter with the Fire Department of the City of New York ("FDNY"), an applicant must first pass both a written and physical test administered by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services ("DCAS"). DCAS establishes an "eligible list" of candidates based on the result of this written test, and after passing a background check, candidates from the eligible list are invited to complete the physical portion of the examination. If the candidate achieves a sufficient result on the physical portion of the examination, the candidate is invited to the FDNY's academy. There, the candidate undergoes more physical testing that they must pass to graduate from the academy. This bill would require the FDNY to report on the gender and racial demographics of the applicant pool at every step of the application process up to the point that the applicants become firefighters. The bill would require the FDNY to report these statistics for its most recent application period, and for each application period going forward.

CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED:
- Adds Administrative Code § 15-130

EFFECTIVE DATE:
Immediately, except for the required reporting of statistics for the most recent graduating class, which becomes effective 60 days after the bill is enacted.

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