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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the assessment of certain children with elevated blood lead levels

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision c of section 17-179 of the administrative code of New York, as added by local law number 39 for the year 2021, is amended to read as follows:

c. As part of the investigation required by section 17-911, the department shall provide to the parent or guardian of any child determined to have an elevated blood lead level [information regarding special education services available from the department of education], as established by department rule, a referral to the committee on special education of the department of education, or another appropriate provider as determined by the department, for a neuropsychological or neurodevelopmental evaluation in order to determine the child's eligibility for special education services.

1. Such evaluations shall be comprehensive and age appropriate, and shall meet minimum standards as approved by the committee on special education.

2. In the event it is determined, based upon such comprehensive neuropsychological or neurodevelopmental evaluation, that a child suffers from a neurocognitive or behavioral deficit consistent with the effects of lead poisoning, the department shall make a recommendation to the committee on special education that such child is eligible for appropriate health and educational services and interventions related to lead poisoning, and shall recommend the development an individualized education program in consultation

with a neuropsychologist and the appropriate disciplines, to provide the child with such appropriate services and interventions.

3. No later than January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council an anonymized report, which protects personally identifying information, containing, at a minimum:

(a) The number of children referred for neuropsychological or neurodevelopmental evaluations based on elevated blood levels pursuant to section 17-911;

(b) The number of children determined by comprehensive neuropsychological or neurodevelopmental evaluation to suffer from neurocognitive or behavioral deficits consistent with the effects of lead poisoning;

(c) The number of children referred to the committee on special education for the creation of an individualized education program; and

(d) The number of individualized education programs generated as a result of these requirements.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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