



Legislation Text

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A Local Law in relation to establishing a task force on the police department's use of compstat

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. There is hereby established a temporary task force to analyze and make recommendations on the police department's use of compstat. For the purposes of this local law, the term "compstat" means any quantitative tool used by the police department to analyze crime trends, evaluate departmental performance, and assist in determining the deployment of departmental resources.

b. The task force shall consist of the following members to be appointed within 60 days of the effective date of this local law:

1. The commissioner of the police department, or the commissioner's designee.
2. The director of the office of criminal justice, or the director's designee.
3. The speaker of the city council, or the speaker's designee.
4. The chairperson of the committee on public safety of the city council, or such chairperson's designee.
4. The public advocate, or the public advocate's designee.
5. Three academic researchers with demonstrated experience in criminal law and criminal procedure.

The mayor, speaker of the city council, and public advocate shall each appoint one such member.

6. Six representatives from community-based organizations that have substantial experience with criminal justice work. The mayor, speaker of the city council, and public advocate shall each appoint two such members.

c. The task force shall, at a minimum, consider the following:

1. The current practices of the police department with respect to the collection and internal use of crime statistics for the purpose of determining enforcement priorities, deploying officers, and evaluating performance.

2. Any obligations of the department to collect crime data for any other law enforcement agency or state agency.

3. The benefits and limitations of the police department's reliance on certain crime statistics for performance evaluation.

4. Any negative collateral consequences or disparate impacts of the police department's use of compstat.

d. Within one year of the effective date of this local law, the task force shall issue a report which shall, at a minimum, include the following:

1. An assessment of the public safety value of the police department's use of compstat.

2. An assessment of the collateral consequences, limitations, and disparate impacts of the police department's use of compstat.

3. Recommendations for any changes to the set of crime statistics used by the department for determining enforcement priorities, deploying officers, and evaluating performance.

4. Recommendations for changes to the manner in which the police department uses compstat in order to determine enforcement priorities, deploy officers, and evaluate performance.

e. For the duration of the existence of the task force, the police department shall grant access to all compstat data and any regularly held compstat meetings to the members of the task force.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.