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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to security cameras in New York city public schools.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 528 of the New York city charter is REPEALED.

§2. Title 21-A of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 21 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 21

SCHOOL SECURITY

§21-989. Security cameras in New York city public schools. a. The department shall install security cameras at schools and consolidated school locations operated by the department of education where the chancellor, in consultation with the police department, deems such cameras appropriate for security purposes. Such cameras may be placed at the entrance and exit doors of each school and in any area of the school where individuals do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy, and may be remotely accessible from outside of the school building. The number, type, placement, and location of such cameras within each school shall be at the discretion of the department, in consultation with the principal of each school and the police department.

b. By January 31, 2019, and annually thereafter on or before January 31, the department, in consultation with the police department, shall submit a report to the speaker of the council on security cameras in public schools, including, but not be limited to, a summary of the current use of security cameras in school buildings, and an assessment of best practices related to the installation and use of security cameras in school buildings,

including evaluating policies related to access to video footage recording by security cameras located in school buildings.

§3. This local law takes effect immediately after it becomes law.

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