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A Local Law in relation to requiring the department of homeless services to report on the feasibility of contracting with community-based organizations to accept and process applications for shelter intake from families with children

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

Department. The term “department” means the department of homeless services.

Families with children shelter. The term “families with children shelter” means temporary emergency housing provided to homeless families with children by the department or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department pursuant to part 900 of title 18 of the New York codes, rules and regulations.

Family with children. The term “family with children” means a family as defined in section 900.2 of title 18 of the New York codes, rules and regulations.

§ 2. a. No later than 1 year after the effective date of this local law, the commissioner of homeless services shall deliver to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report on the feasibility of contracting with community-based organizations throughout the city of New York to accept and process applications for families with children shelter.

b. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. An analysis of any legal or practical barriers to contracting with community-based organizations to accept and process applications for families with children shelter, including any issues relating to

confidentiality and data privacy;

2. The training, staffing, and informational technology required by the department and any community-based organizations to implement such contracts;

3. An estimate of any costs or cost savings, on an initial and ongoing annual basis, to implement such contracts in the first 5 years;

4. An estimated timeline for commencement and delivery of services pursuant to such contracts;

5. Proposals to overcome any legal or practical barriers identified pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subdivision; and

6. A determination of whether contracting with community-based organizations to accept and process applications for families with children shelter would be feasible and recommended.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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