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A Local Law in relation to the creation of a youth sports health and safety task force.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Youth Sports Health and Safety Task Force. a. There shall be a task force to study youth sports in New York city. Such task force shall track injuries sustained during youth sports activities and analyze how such injuries effect the youth participants' educational performance and behavior. The task force shall then make specific recommendations to the mayor and council for the prevention and alleviation of such impacts.

b. Such task force shall consist of seven members as follows:

i. One member shall be appointed by the mayor, provided that he or she shall be a medical professional and shall have experience in sports related injuries.

ii. Three members shall be appointed by the speaker of the council, provided that at least one member shall have a background in education and one member shall have experience in sports management.

iii. The commissioners of the department of health and mental hygiene and the department of parks and recreation and the chancellor of the department of education, or their designees, shall serve ex officio.

iv. The members shall be appointed within sixty days of the enactment of this local law.

v. At its first meeting, the task force shall select a chairperson from among its members by majority vote of the task force.

c. Each member shall serve for a term of twelve months, to commence after the final member of the task

force is appointed. Any vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A person filling such vacancy shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the succeeded member.

d. The departments of health and mental hygiene, education, and parks and recreation may provide staff to assist the task force.

e. No member of the task force shall be removed from office except for cause and upon notice and hearing by the appropriate appointing official.

f. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation and shall meet no less than once a month.

g. No later than twelve months from the date all seven members of the task force are appointed, the task force shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report that shall include the findings and recommendations of the task force.

h. The task force shall dissolve upon submission of the report required by subdivision g of this section.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately after its enactment into law.

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