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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the investigating, reviewing, studying, and auditing of and making of recommendations relating to the operations, budget, and staffing of the New York Public Library, the Brooklyn Public Library and the Queens Public Library by the commissioner of investigation.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 803 of chapter 34 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision d, relettering current subdivisions d through f as new subdivisions e through g, and amending relettered subdivision e to read as follow:

d. The commissioner shall, on an ongoing basis, investigate, review, study, audit and make recommendations relating to the operations, budget, and staffing of the New York Public Library, the Brooklyn Public Library and the Queens Public Library.

[d]e. 1. For any investigation made pursuant to subdivision a or b of this section, the commissioner shall prepare a written report or statement of findings and shall forward a copy of such report or statement to the requesting party, if any. In the event that any matter investigated, reviewed, studied, or audited pursuant to this section involves or may involve allegations of criminal conduct, the commissioner, upon completion of the investigation, review, study, or audit, shall also forward a copy of his or her written report or statement of findings to the appropriate prosecuting attorney, or, in the event the matter investigated, reviewed, studied, or audited involves or may involve a conflict of interest or unethical conduct, to the conflicts of interest board.

2. For any investigation, review, study, or audit made pursuant to paragraph one of subdivision c of this section, the commissioner shall prepare a written report or statement of findings and shall forward a copy of such report or statement to the mayor, the council, and the police commissioner upon completion. Within ninety days of receiving such report or statement, the police commissioner shall provide a written response to the commissioner, the mayor, and the council. Each such written report or statement, along with a summary of its findings, as well as the reports described in paragraph 3 of this subdivision, shall be posted on the department's website in a format that is searchable and downloadable and that facilitates printing no later than ten days after it is delivered to the mayor, the council, and the police department. All such reports, statements, and summaries so posted on the department's website shall be made easily accessible from a direct link on the homepage of the website of the department.

3. In addition to the reports and statements of findings to be delivered to the mayor, the council, and the police commissioner

pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subdivision, there shall be an annual summary report on the activities undertaken pursuant to paragraph 1 of subdivision c of this section containing the following information: (i) a description of all significant findings from the investigations, reviews, studies, and audits conducted in the preceding year; (ii) a description of the recommendations for corrective action made in the preceding year; (iii) an identification of each recommendation described in previous annual reports on which corrective action has not been implemented or completed; and (iv) the number of open investigations, reviews, studies, or audits that have been open, as of the close of the preceding calendar year, for a time period of 1) six months up to and including one year, 2) more than one year up to and including two years, 3) more than two years up to and including three years, and 4) more than three years. The annual summary report required by this paragraph shall be completed and delivered to the mayor, the council, and the police commissioner on April 1, 2015 and every April 1 thereafter.

4. For any investigation, review, study, or audit made pursuant to subdivision d of this section, the commissioner shall prepare a written report or statement of findings and shall forward a copy of such report or statement to the mayor, the council, and the presidents of the New York Public Library, the Brooklyn Public Library and the Queens Public Library upon completion. Within ninety days of receiving such report or statement, each such president shall provide a written response to the commissioner, the mayor, and the council. Each such written report or statement, along with a summary of its findings, as well as the reports described in paragraph 5 of this subdivision, shall be posted on the department's website in a format that is searchable and downloadable and that facilitates printing no later than ten days after it is delivered to the mayor, the council, and the presidents of the New York Public Library, the Brooklyn Public Library and the Queens Public Library. All such reports, statements, and summaries so posted on the department's website shall be made easily accessible from a direct link on the homepage of the website of the department.

5. In addition to the written reports and statements of findings to be delivered to the mayor, the council, and the presidents of the New York Public Library, the Brooklyn Public Library and the Queens Public Library pursuant to paragraph 4 of this subdivision, the department shall submit quarterly report on the activities undertaken pursuant to subdivision d of this section. The first quarterly summary report required by this paragraph shall be completed and delivered to the mayor, the council, and the presidents of the New York Public Library, the Brooklyn Public Library and the Queens Public Library by October 31, 2014. Subsequent reports shall be submitted by January 31, 2015, April 30, 2015, and July 31, 2015 and shall be submitted to the mayor and the council by these four days each year.

[e]f. The jurisdiction of the commissioner shall extend to any agency, officer, or employee of the city, or any person or entity doing business with the city, or any person or entity who is paid or receives money from or through the city or any agency of the city.

[f]g. The commissioner shall forward to the council and to the mayor a copy of all reports and standards prepared by the

corruption prevention and management review bureau, upon issuance by the commissioner.

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

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