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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of correction to provide reports regarding the number of inmates who are on waiting lists for placement in or transfer to alternative housing

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 9 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 9-135 to read as follows:

§ 9-135 Alternative housing unit waiting list. The commissioner shall post a report every 60 days, on the department of correction website, setting forth the number of city jail inmates who have been found guilty of violating departmental rules but have yet to be placed in punitive segregation, restrictive housing or a clinical alternative to punitive segregation housing, or any successor to such housing units, disaggregated by inmates with “M” designations at the end of their book and case numbers, indicating that the inmates are known to mental health staff, and inmates without “M” designations. Such report shall state the number of inmates awaiting placement in any such housing unit categorized by the length of time such inmates have been awaiting placement in the following categories: 1-5 days, 6-15 days, 16-30 days, 31-60 days, and 61 days or longer. The commissioner shall also post, no later than 45 days after the end of each quarter, a quarterly report that sets forth the number of inmates awaiting transfer to the custody of the New York state department of health or the New York state department of people with developmental disabilities pursuant to section 730 of the criminal procedure law, the length of stay for such inmates, and the housing facility in which such inmates were placed.

§2. This local law takes effect immediately, provided that, with regard to reports required herein to be

posted every 60 days, this local law shall apply beginning with the reporting period that commences on October 1, 2015, and provided further that, with regard to reports required herein to be posted no later than 45 days after the end of each quarter, this local law shall apply beginning with the quarter that commences on April 1, 2016. This local law shall expire and be deemed repealed on October 1, 2020, provided that the commissioner of correction provides written notice to the council in the first six months of the year 2020 that this local law will expire without further action by the council. If the commissioner does not provide such notice by June 30, 2020, this local law shall expire and be deemed repealed one year following the date on which the council receives such notice.

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