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By Council Member King

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting student commute times

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 21-956 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 59 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 21-956 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Commute. The term “commute” means travel from a student’s residence to the school in which such student is enrolled.

NYC school survey. The term “NYC school survey” means the annual survey administered by the department that is completed by students in grades six through 12, by parents or guardians, and by teachers.

NYC school survey report. The term “NYC school survey report” means the annual report issued by the department summarizing the responses to the NYC school survey for the previous year.

Over the counter. The term “[Over]over the counter” [shall mean]means a process of enrollment for high school students other than the citywide high school admissions processes.

Performance level. The term “[Performance]performance level” [shall mean]means the classification of test scores received on the New York state English language arts and mathematics examinations into four proficiency categories as reported by the state.

Reside in temporary housing. The term “[Reside]reside in temporary housing” [shall mean]means

satisfying the definition of “homeless child” as set forth in chancellor’s regulation A-780.

School. The term “[School]school” [shall mean]means a school of the city school district of the city of New York.

Special programs. The term “[Special]special programs” [shall mean]means academic programs including but not limited to gifted and talented programs in grades kindergarten through five and dual language programs in grades kindergarten through eight.

§ 2. Chapter 6 of title 21-a of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-960 to read as follows:

§ 21-960 Student commute times. a. The department shall collect information regarding commutes from students in grades six through 12 through the NYC school survey or by any other means deemed appropriate by the department. The information collected shall include but not be limited to:

1. Method of commute, including any specific bus and subway lines used;
2. Minimum commute time;
3. Average commute time; and
4. Maximum commute time.

b. The department shall publish the information required to be collected pursuant to subdivision a of this section in the NYC school survey report or by any other means deemed appropriate by the department, and shall submit to the mayor, the council and borough presidents such information within 30 days of publication. The department shall disaggregate such information by the following categories:

1. Community board district;
2. Community education council district;
3. Council district;
4. School;
5. Grade level;

6. English language learner status;

7. Race or ethnicity; and

8. Gender.

c. No information that is otherwise required to be published pursuant to this section shall be published in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state or local law relating to the privacy of student information or that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interests of law enforcement. If a category contains between one and five students, or contains an amount that would allow the amount of another category that is five or less to be deduced, the number shall be replaced with a symbol.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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