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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the New York city police department to report on staffing levels for the special victims division

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-179 to read as follows:

§14-179 Special victims division staffing. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Case type. The term “case type” means the most serious offense committed, in the following types: a felony offense committed by an individual unknown to the victim, a felony offense committed by an individual known to the victim, a misdemeanor offense committed by an individual unknown to the victim, or a misdemeanor offense committed by an individual known to the victim.

Special victims division. The term “special victims division” means any division or other entity within the department that primarily investigates alleged violations of article 130 of the penal law.

Special victims investigator. The term “special victims investigator” means any member of the department whose primary duties include investigating sexual crimes and who regularly interacts with the victims of sexual crimes.

Unit. The term “unit” means any unit, squad, division or other means of allocating work within the special victims division.

b. Beginning January 31, 2019, and every January 31 thereafter, the commissioner shall prepare a report on staffing for the special victims division for the previous year. Such report shall be sent to the council, and posted on the department's website and shall include the following information:

1. Factors that the department utilized in determining staffing for the special victims division.

2. The number of cases referred to the special victims division in total and disaggregated by case type and unit, and also disaggregated by borough and further disaggregated by unit and further disaggregated by case type.

3. The number of special victims investigators, in total and disaggregated by borough, unit, and rank including detective grade.

4. The average number of cases assigned to each special victims investigator, in total and disaggregated by case type, and disaggregated by borough and further disaggregated by unit and further disaggregated by case type.

c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the authority or materially impede the ability of the department to determine the staffing for the special victims division or the factors or information utilized in such determination.

§2. This local law takes immediately.

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