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A Local Law in relation to the creation of a fair student funding task force

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Fair student funding task force. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

English language learner. The term “English language learner” means a student with limited English proficiency as defined in section 154-1.2 of title 8 of the official compilation of the codes, rules and regulations of the state of New York or any successor regulations.

School. The term “school” means a school of the city school district of the city of New York.

Students in temporary housing. The term “students in temporary housing” has the same meaning as that of the term “homeless children and youths” as defined in subsection 2 of section 11434a of title 42 of the United States code, provided that such individuals are enrolled in a school.

Students living in poverty. The term “students living in poverty” means meeting the poverty threshold established by the New York city center for economic opportunity or its successor as required by section 16 of the New York city charter.

Students with disabilities. The term “students with disabilities” has the same meaning as defined in section 4401 of the education law.

b. By April 1, 2019, the mayor shall establish a task force to review the fair student funding formula

used by the department of education to determine school funding.

c. The task force shall include the following members or their designees:

1. The chancellor of the city school district of the city of New York;

2. At least one representative from a community district education council, as established pursuant to section 2590-c of the education law, from each borough;

3. One representative who shall be a member of a union representing teachers, and one representative who shall be a member of a union representing principals;

4. At least one parent of a student enrolled in a school;

5. The speaker of the council; and

6. At least five advocates who specialize in working with vulnerable student populations including, but not limited to students with disabilities, English language learners, students in temporary housing, and students living in poverty.

d. One member shall be designated as chairperson by the mayor after consultation with the speaker of the council.

e. The task force shall consult with interested members of the public, including but not limited to parents of students currently enrolled in schools.

f. The task force shall consider and make recommendations relating to the categories, types of students, grade levels, and weights for funding allocations to meet the instructional needs of students citywide.

g. No later than September 30, 2019, the task force shall submit a report to the mayor, the speaker of the council, and the chancellor of the city school district of the city of New York and post on the department of education's website the results of its review and recommendations pursuant to this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately and expires and is deemed repealed upon the submission of the report required by section 1 of this local law.

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