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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the placement of communication devices and tracking devices on school buses

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 6 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new sections 19-608 and 19-609 to read as follows:

§ 19-608 Communication devices on school buses. a. Any bus or other motor vehicle used to transport students to or from schools pursuant to a contract between a school bus vendor and the department of education shall, at all times that students are present on such vehicle, be equipped with an operational two-way radio or other authorized communication device capable of allowing communication with the driver of such vehicle.

b. The department of education shall promulgate rules regarding the safe usage of such communication devices.

§ 19-609 Global positioning systems on school buses. a. For purposes of this section, the term “GPS” means a global positioning system, or a comparable location tracking technology, that uses navigational satellites to determine a user’s location and velocity in real time.

b. Any bus or other motor vehicle used to transport students to or from schools pursuant to a contract between a school bus vendor and the department of education shall, at all times that students are present on such vehicle, be equipped with a GPS tracking device.

c. A GPS tracking device installed on any bus or other motor vehicle used to transport students to or

from schools shall be operational at all times such vehicle is in use pursuant to the contract.

d. GPS data regarding the real time location and velocity of the bus or other motor vehicle used to transport students to or from schools shall be made available electronically to the department, as well as to authorized parents or guardians of students who are being transported by such bus or other motor vehicle.

e. Records created by any such GPS tracking devices shall be maintained in an electronic database.

f. No information that is otherwise required to be reported or be made available electronically pursuant to this section shall be reported or be made available electronically in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state or local law related to the privacy of information or that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interests of law enforcement.

§ 2. This local law takes effect the first day of the 2019-2020 school year.

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