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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 education to report on humane animal treatment instruction

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 21-A of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 27 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 27

REPORTING ON HUMANE ANIMAL TREATMENT INSTRUCTION

§ 21-998 Reporting on humane animal treatment instruction. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

School. The term “school” means any elementary school within the jurisdiction of the New York city department of education.

Student. The term “student” means any pupil who is enrolled in a school as defined in this subdivision.

b. No later than November 1, 2019, and on or before November 1 of every year thereafter, the department shall submit to the speaker of the council and post on its website a report regarding instruction on humane animal treatment as required by section 809 of the education law. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

1. The number of schools that have a finalized plan for implementing humane animal treatment instruction as required by section 809 of the education law;

2. The number of schools that have implemented instruction on humane animal treatment as required by section 809 of the education law;

3. The average frequency and average total minutes per week of humane treatment of animals instruction provided to students in each grade level in each school;

4. The number of designated instructors providing such instruction at each school;

5. The topics of instruction on humane animal treatment provided in each school, including whether such instruction covers the following topics:

i. The humane treatment and protection of animals;

ii. The importance of the part animals play in the economy of nature;

iii. The necessity of controlling the proliferation of animals which are subsequently abandoned and caused to suffer extreme cruelty; and

6. The educational resources used to instruct on humane animal treatment in each school.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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