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A Local Law in relation to establishing a task force to study, document and summarize the impact of COVID-19 on New York city

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

City. The term “city” means the city of New York.

COVID-19. The term “COVID-19” means the disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

Task force. The term “task force” means the COVID-19 impact review task force established by this local law.

§ 2. COVID-19 impact review task force established. There is hereby established a task force to be known as the COVID-19 impact review task force.

§ 3. Duties. The task force shall study, document and summarize the impact of COVID-19 on New York city beginning from the date of the first confirmed case of COVID-19 on March 1, 2020.

§ 4. Membership. a. The task force shall be composed of seven members as follows:

1. The commissioner of mental health and hygiene or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair;
2. Three members appointed by the speaker of the council; and
3. Three members appointed by the mayor.

b. The mayor may invite officers and representatives of relevant federal, state and local agencies and authorities to participate in the work of the task force.

c. All appointments required by this section shall be made no later than 120 days after the effective date of this local law.

d. Each member of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed the member. In the event of a vacancy on the task force, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. All members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

§ 5. Meetings. a. The chair shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than 30 days after the last member has been appointed, except that where not all members of the task force have been appointed within the time specified in section four, the chair shall convene the first meeting of the task force within 10 days of the appointment of a quorum.

b. The task force may invite experts and stakeholders to attend its meetings and to provide testimony and information relevant to its duties.

c. The task force shall meet no less than once each quarter to carry out the duties described in section 3.

d. The meeting requirement of subdivision d shall be suspended when the task force submits its report as required by section 6.

§ 6. Report. No later than 24 months after the effective date of this local law, the task force shall submit to the mayor and to the speaker of the council a report summarizing the total impact of COVID-19 on the city and shall, at a minimum, include analyses of the following:

a. The total number of cases of COVID-19 in the city, broken down by borough, residence, age, sex, gender, race and income;

b. The total number of lives lost to COVID-19 in the city, broken down by borough, residence, age, sex, gender, race and income; and

c. The total economic impact of COVID-19 on the city.

§ 7. Agency support. Each agency affected by this local law shall provide appropriate staff and

resources to support the work of such agency related to the task force.

§ 8. Termination. The task force shall terminate 60 days after the date on which it submits its report, as required by section 6.

§ 9. This local law takes effect immediately.

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