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A Local Law to amend the charter of the city of New York, in relation to ensuring a timely, comprehensive response to all reports of child abuse and neglect.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 617 of the New York City charter, as added at the November 6, 2001 general election, is amended to add a new subdivision d to read as follows:

d. Caseloads for diagnostic child protective specialists. The department's child protective services division shall have staff adequate to respond to all reports of child abuse and neglect in a timely, comprehensive manner. The maximum caseload for diagnostic child protective specialists or their equivalent shall be twelve cases. No diagnostic child protective specialist with less than one year of work experience in child protective services shall have a caseload that exceeds ten cases.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect one hundred and eighty days after enactment.

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