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A Local Law in relation to requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to prepare and submit a plan to improve nurse staffing levels at hospitals

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. No later than January 1, 2024, the department of health and mental hygiene, in consultation with the New York city health and hospitals corporation and nurses employed by city hospitals, shall prepare and submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on its website, a plan to improve nurse staffing levels at hospitals. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to, recommendations for interagency protocols designed to:

- a. Reduce the nurse-to-patient ratio, including strategies for recruitment and retention of nursing staff;
- b. Develop a safe nurse-to-patient ratio to serve as a standard; and
- c. Increase and strengthen the nursing workforce, including by identifying and promoting opportunities for professional development.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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