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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to minimum standards for emergency congregate housing

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 18-a to read as follows:

§ 18-a Minimum standards for emergency congregate housing. a. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Emergency congregate housing. The term "emergency congregate housing" means any location operated by a city agency or provider under contract or similar agreement with a city agency, except for any location operated by the department of social services or provider under contract or similar agreement with the department of social services, where individuals and families reside for more than 96 hours where such individuals and families sleep in a congregate setting with shared facilities, including but not limited to, sleeping quarters and bathrooms.

b. The mayor shall ensure that emergency congregate housing meets, at a minimum, the standards and regulations set forth in parts 491 and 900 of title 18 of the New York codes, rules and regulations.

c. If a city agency or provider under contract or similar agreement with such city agency operating emergency housing fails to meet the requirement set forth in subdivision b of this section, such city agency or provider shall be required to report in writing such failure to the mayor, the speaker of the council, and the public advocate within ten days of having knowledge of such failure.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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