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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the assessment of certain children with elevated blood lead levels

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision c of section 17-179 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 39 for the year 2021, is amended to read as follows:

c. 1. As part of the investigation required by section 17-911, the department shall [provide to the parent or guardian of any child under the age of 18], for any child determined to have an elevated blood lead level [information regarding] who is of the age to be referred for preschool or school-aged special education services, make a request for referral to the committee on special education or the committee on preschool special education of the department of education, for an initial evaluation to determine the child's eligibility for special education services [available from the department of education].

2. No later than September 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the department, in coordination with the department of education, shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report regarding referrals requested pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subdivision and the results of initial evaluations conducted during the 12-month period ending June 30 of the same calendar year. Such report shall contain, at a minimum:

(a) The number of children determined to suffer from neurocognitive or behavioral deficits consistent with the effects of lead poisoning;

(b) The number of children for whom the department submitted a request for referral pursuant to

paragraph 1 of this subdivision;

(c) The number of such children evaluated by the committee on special education to determine eligibility for special education services; and

(d) The number of individualized education programs developed as a result of referrals requested pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subdivision.

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

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