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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing protocols for responding to students experiencing mental health crises

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.19 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.19 Student mental health crises protocols. a. The department, in consultation with the department of education, the administration for children's services and any other relevant agency, shall develop protocols for responding to students experiencing mental health crises. Such protocols shall establish guidelines for:

1. Immediate response to incidents;
2. Procedures for return of a student to school after a mental health crisis;
3. Training requirements for school staff and plans for provision of training; and
4. Protecting the safety and well-being of the student body.

b. The protocols required by subdivision a of this section shall be posted on the department's website no later than six months following the effective date of the local law that added this section. Any changes to such protocols shall be posted on the department's website no later than 30 days after such protocols are updated.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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