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A Local Law in relation to requiring the New York City Department of Education to report on outreach to parents and guardians of eligible students about the New York City Scholarship Account program.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Reporting. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Department. The term “department” has the same meaning as set forth in section 21-950 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

Eligible student. The term “eligible student” means a student who is eligible for the NYC Scholarship Account program pursuant to chapter 19 of title 43 of the rules of the city of New York, regarding the New York City Scholarship Account program, or a successor provision.

Program. The term “program” has the same meaning as set forth in chapter 19 of title 43 of the rules of the city of New York, regarding the New York City Scholarship Account program, or a successor provision.

NYC Scholarship Account. The term “NYC Scholarship Account” has the same meaning as set forth in chapter 19 of title 43 of the rules of the city of New York, regarding the New York City Scholarship Account program, or a successor provision.

Participating city school. The term “participating city school” has the same meaning as set forth in chapter 19 of title 43 of the rules of the city of New York, regarding the New York City Scholarship Account program, or a successor provision.

b. No later than July 31, 2025, and annually by July 31 thereafter, until July 31, 2027, the department

shall submit to the mayor, and to the speaker of the council, a report regarding outreach by participating city schools to parents and guardians of eligible students about the program. Such report shall include the following information, with respect to all outreach conducted during the year ending on the date that the report is due:

1. Identify and list each school that was a participating city school;

2. Disaggregated by participating city school, identify, list, and describe:

(a) The steps taken by the school to notify the parents and guardians of eligible students about the program in accordance with section 19-03 of title 43 of the rules of the city of New York, regarding the New York City Scholarship Account program enrollment, or a successor provision;

(b) The resources, tools, or other engagement methods, disaggregated by program benefit, used by the school to inform parents and guardians of eligible students, about how they can obtain each relevant program benefit available pursuant to section 19-04 of title 43 of the rules of the city of New York, regarding the New York City Scholarship Account program benefits, or a successor provision;

3. An assessment identifying the forms of outreach the department considered most effective at improving parent and guardian engagement with the program within that year; and

4. A description of the steps the department will take in the next year to further improve parent and guardian engagement and use of the program.

c. No information that is otherwise required to be reported pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state or local law relating to the privacy of student information or that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interests of law enforcement. If a category contains between 1 and 5 students, or contains an amount that would allow the amount of another category that is 5 or less to be deduced, the number shall be replaced with a symbol. A category that contains zero shall be reported as 0, unless such reporting would violate any applicable provision of federal, state or local law relating to the privacy of student information.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately and expires and is deemed repealed July 31, 2027.

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