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7/23/2014	*	Committee on Education	Amended by Committee	
7/23/2014	Α	Committee on Education	Approved by Committee	Pass
7/24/2014	Α	City Council	Approved by Council	Pass
7/24/2014	Α	City Council	Sent to Mayor by Council	
8/7/2014	Α	Mayor	Hearing Held by Mayor	
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Int. No. 131-A

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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to door alarms in school buildings.

## Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 528 of the New York city charter, as added by local law number 52 for the year 2004, is amended to read as follows:

§ 528. The installation and operation of security cameras and other security measures in New York [City] city public schools. a. Installation of [Security Cameras] security cameras and door alarms. The [New York City] department of education, in consultation with the [New York City] police department, shall install security cameras and door alarms at schools and consolidated school locations operated by the department of education where the chancellor, in consultation with the [New York City] police department, deems such cameras and door alarms appropriate for safety purposes. Such cameras may be placed at the entrance and exit doors of each school and may be placed in any area of the school where individuals do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy. The number, type, placement, and location of such cameras within each school shall be at the discretion of the department of education, in consultation with the principal of each school and the police department. Door alarms may be placed at the discretion of the department of education, in consultation with the police department, at the exterior doors of school buildings under the jurisdiction of the department of education, including buildings serving grades pre-kindergarten through five or a district 75 program. Such alarms should provide an audible alert indicating an unauthorized departure from the school building. For the purposes of this section, "district 75 program" shall mean a department of education program that provides educational, vocational, and behavioral support programs for students with severe disabilities from prekindergarten through age twenty-one.

b. Schedule of [Installation] <u>installation for cameras</u>. The department of education, in consultation with the police department, shall set the priorities for installation of cameras as set forth in subdivision a to include among other appropriate factors consideration of the level of violence in schools, as determined by the police

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department and the department of education. By the end of [2006] two thousand six, the potential installation

of cameras shall have been reviewed for all schools under the jurisdiction of the department of education,

including elementary schools. At the end of [2006] two thousand six, the department of education shall submit

a report to the city council indicating, for each school under its jurisdiction, the findings of the review and the

reasons for the findings contained therein.

c. Schedule of installation for door alarms. The department of education, in consultation with the

police department, shall evaluate and set priorities for the installation of door alarms, as set forth in subdivision

a. By May thirtieth, two thousand fifteen, the department of education shall complete such evaluation for all

schools under its jurisdiction, including buildings serving grades pre-kindergarten through five or a district 75

program. By such date, the department of education shall submit a report to the speaker of the council that

describes the results of the evaluation conducted pursuant to this subdivision, including, but not limited to, a list

of the school buildings where the installation of door alarms has been deemed to be an appropriate safety

measure and a timeline for such installation.

d. Training. Not later than May thirtieth, two thousand fifteen, and annually thereafter, the department

of education shall submit to the speaker of the council a report regarding training on student safety protocols for

department of education personnel. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) general details on

the type and scope of the training administered, (2) the intended audience for each training, and (3) whether

such training was mandatory for certain personnel.

§ 3. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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