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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of education to report on student attrition and backfill data.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 4 to title 21-A to read as follows:

Chapter 4. Student Attrition and Backfill Data

§ 21-954 Student attrition and backfill data reporting.

a. For the purposes of this section the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Attrition” means the number of students discharged from enrollment between the official first day of a school year and the official last day of a school year.

“Backfill” means the replacement of students who leave the school during the school year with new students.

“Gifted and talented programs” means programs that are developed for and restricted to children who excel academically or in a special talent, and that are designed to provide enhanced, accelerated, enriched or extra instruction to such students, including but not limited to honors, advanced placement, college preparatory and accelerated placement classes, and programs at schools that limit admission to students with above average grades and/or who pass specialized admission tests.

“Specialized school” means any school where admission is based on the specialized high school admission test or an audition.

b. Not later than November 1, 2015, and no later than November 1st annually thereafter, the chancellor shall prepare and submit to the speaker of the council a report on student attrition and backfill data for the prior school year. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information with respect to specialized schools, gifted and talented programs, and charter schools disaggregated by grade, race, ethnicity, gender, English language learner status, special education status, and type of school:

1. The total number to students enrolled at each school at the beginning of the prior school year;
2. The attrition number and percentage for each school for the prior school year; and
3. backfill number and percentage for each school for the prior school year.

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 interest of law enforcement. If the category contains between 0 and 9 students, or allows another category to be narrowed to be between 0 and 9 students, the number shall be replaced with a symbol.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

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