**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 241

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Gutiérrez, Hanif, Joseph, Brooks-Powers, Stevens, Menin, Williams, Schulman, Riley, Narcisse, Ung, Barron, Ossé, Ayala, Restler, Cabán, Abreu, Krishnan, Richardson Jordan, Nurse, Won, Hudson and De La Rosa

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing public school students with mobile hotspot devices

**Bill Summary:**

**This plain language summary is for informational purposes only and does not substitute for legal counsel. For more information, you should review the full text of the bill, which is available online at legistar.council.nyc.gov.**

The proposed bill would require the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DOITT), in consultation with the Department of Education (DOE), to purchase and distribute mobile hotspot devices to all New York City public school students. The COVID-19 pandemic and the introduction of remote learning shined a light on the inequity of all students’ ability to connect to the internet at home to facilitate their remote learning. This bill would ensure all students can continue to receive the free public education they are entitled to under the law even when physical school buildings are closed for any part of the academic year.

**Effective Date:**

180 days after it becomes law

**Legislative Impact:**

[ ]  **Agency Rulemaking Required**: Is City agency rulemaking required?

[x]  **Report Required**: Is a report due to Council required?

[ ]  **Sunset Date Included**: Does the legislation have a sunset date?

[ ]  **Council Appointment Required**: Is an appointment by the Council required?

[ ]  **Other Appointment Required**: Are other appointments not by the Council required?

**Note:** In the full bill text online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language in proposed consolidated laws that is enclosed by [brackets] would be deleted, and language that is underlined would be new. Language in proposed unconsolidated laws, in contrast, will not have brackets or underlining because it would be entirely new. Consolidation means that the law is placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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