Int. No. 1535

By Council Member Rosenthal

..Title

A Local Law requiring the board of correction to convene a task force to address polices related to the treatment of transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary individuals in the department of correction

..Body

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. The board of correction shall convene a task force to review the department of correction’s policies related to the treatment and housing of transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary individuals in the department of correction’s custody.

b. Such task force shall consist of, but not be limited to, a representative from the department of correction, a representative from correctional health services, a representative from the commission on human rights, and at least six representatives in the following categories: people formerly and currently incarcerated in the transgender housing unit, service providers that address transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary individuals in custody, and local and national experts in issues related to transgender policy.

c. Each member shall serve for a term of eight years to commence after the final member of the task force is appointed. Any vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A person filling such vacancy shall serve the unexpired portion of the term of the succeeded member. All members shall be appointed to the task force within 60 days of the enactment of this local law.

d. No member shall be removed from the task force except for cause and upon notice and hearing by the appropriate appointing official.

e. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation and shall meet no less often than on a quarterly basis.

f. Within one year of the formation of the task force, such task force shall submit a report containing recommendations to improve policies related to the treatment and housing of transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary individuals in the department of correction’s custody, and a summary of key findings to the mayor and the speaker of the council. The task force shall continue to submit yearly reports thereafter until its termination.

g. The task force shall terminate upon issuance of a final yearly report, to be submitted in the year 2027.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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