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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the New York city building code, in relation to establishing a maximum temperature in educational group E occupancy buildings

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.26 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.26 Maximum indoor temperature in educational group E occupancy buildings. a. Definitions.

For the purposes of this section, the term “educational group E” has the same meaning as set forth in section BC 305.1 of the building code.

b. For a building within educational group E occupancy, during the period from May 1 through September 30, all educational and support services spaces shall maintain an indoor temperature no greater than 78 degrees Fahrenheit at 50 percent relative humidity when the outdoor air temperature is 89 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and the coincident wet bulb temperature is 73 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, while such spaces are in use. Support services spaces shall include kitchen areas used in the preparation of food for consumption by students.

c. For purposes of determining compliance with subdivision b of this section, indoor temperature and relative humidity are to be measured at a shaded location, 3 feet above the floor near the center of the room.

§ 2. Article 315 of title 28 of the administrative code of New York is amended by adding a new section 28-315.12 to read as follows:

**§ 28-315.12 Maximum indoor temperature in existing educational group E occupancy buildings.** Existing educational group E occupancy buildings shall comply with the retroactive requirements of section 1204.5 of

the New York city building code by December 31, 2024.

§ 3. Section BC 1204 of the New York city building code is amended by adding a new section 1204.5 to read as follows:

**1204.5 Maximum indoor temperature in educational group E occupancy buildings.** For a building within occupancy group E, all educational and support services spaces shall be provided with active or passive air conditioning systems that are capable of maintaining an indoor temperature no greater than 78 degrees Fahrenheit at 50 percent relative humidity when the outdoor air temperature is 89 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and the coincident wet bulb temperature is 73 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Support services spaces shall include kitchen areas used in the preparation of food for consumption by students. For purposes of determining compliance with this section, indoor temperature and relative humidity are to be measured at a shaded location, 3 feet above the floor near the center of the room. This provision is retroactive and applies to all educational group E occupancy buildings in existence on the effective date of this provision and such buildings shall achieve compliance no later than December 31, 2024.

§ 4. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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