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A Local Law in relation to requiring the department of homeless services to report on the feasibility of establishing partnerships with community-based organizations to accept and process applications for shelter intake from families with children

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

Department. The term “department” means the department of homeless services.

Families with children shelter. The term “families with children shelter” means temporary emergency housing provided to homeless families with children by the department or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department pursuant to part 900 of title 18 of the New York codes, rules and regulations.

Family with children. The term “family with children” means a family with at least 1 adult and 1 child, a couple including at least 1 pregnant person, a single pregnant person, or a parent or grandparent with a pregnant person.

§ 2. a. No later than 1 year after the effective date of this local law, the department shall deliver to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report on the feasibility of establishing partnerships with community-based organizations throughout the city of New York to accept and process applications for families with children shelter.

b. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. An analysis of any legal or practical barriers to partnering with community-based organizations to

accept and process applications for shelter intake, including any issues relating to confidentiality and data privacy;

2. The training, staffing, and informational technology required by the department and any community-based organizations to implement such partnerships;

3. An estimate of any costs or cost savings, on an initial and ongoing annual basis, to operate such partnerships in the first 5 years;

4. An estimated timeline for implementing such partnerships;

5. Proposals to overcome any legal or practical barriers identified pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subdivision; and

6. A determination of whether such partnerships would be feasible.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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