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By Council Member Salamanca

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the New York city building code in relation to luminous egress path markings in schools

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 528 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law 36 for the year 2014, is amended to read as follows:

a. Installation of security cameras, [and] door alarms and luminous egress path markings. The department of education, in consultation with the police department, shall install security cameras and door alarms at schools and consolidated school locations operated by the department of education where the chancellor, in consultation with the police department, deems such cameras and door alarms appropriate for safety purposes. The department of education, in consultation with the department of buildings, shall install luminous egress path markings delineating the exit path in accordance with section 1024.1 of the New York city building code at schools and consolidated school locations operated by the department of education where the chancellor, in consultation with the department of buildings, deems such luminous egress path markings appropriate for safety purposes. Such cameras may be placed at the entrance and exit doors of each school and may be placed in any area of the school where individuals do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy. The number, type, placement, and location of such cameras within each school shall be at the discretion of the department of education, in consultation with the principal of each school and the police department. Door alarms may be placed at the discretion of the department of education, in consultation with the police department, at the exterior doors of school buildings under the jurisdiction of the department of education,

including buildings serving grades pre-kindergarten through five or a district 75 program. Such alarms should provide an audible alert indicating an unauthorized departure from the school building. For the purposes of this section, "district 75 program" shall mean a department of education program that provides educational, vocational, and behavioral support programs for students with severe disabilities from pre-kindergarten through age twenty-one.

§ 2. Section 528 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law 36 for the year 2014, is amended by adding a new subdivision e to read as follows:

e. Schedule of installation for luminous egress path markings. The department of education, in consultation with the department of buildings, shall evaluate and set priorities for the installation of luminous egress path markings, as set forth in subdivision a. By December 1, 2019 the department of education shall complete such evaluation for all schools under its jurisdiction, including buildings serving grades pre-kindergarten through five or a district 75 program. By such date, the department of education shall submit a report to the speaker of the council that describes the results of the evaluation conducted pursuant to this subdivision, including, but not limited to, a list of the school buildings where the installation of luminous egress path markings has been deemed to be an appropriate safety measure and a timeline for such installation.

§ 3. Section BC 1024.1 of the New York city building code, as amended by local law 141 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

1024.1 General. Approved luminous egress path markings delineating the exit path shall be provided in all high-rise buildings subject to [Section] section 403.5 having occupied floors located more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the lowest level of Fire Department vehicle access in accordance with Sections 1024.1 through 1024.9[.] and in all educational group E facilities that have two or more stories above grade plane.

Exceptions:

1. Luminous egress path markings shall not be required on the level of exit discharge in lobbies that serve as part of the exit path in accordance with Section 1027.1, Exception 1.
2. Luminous egress path markings shall not be required in areas of open parking garages that serve as part of the exit path in accordance with Section 1027.1, Exception 3.

§ 4. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of buildings and the chancellor of the city school district may take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of

this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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