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By Council Member Salamanca

A Local Law in relation to a feasibility study on reimbursement for use of personal devices by city agency employees working remotely during the COVID-19 emergency

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Feasibility study on reimbursement of personal device use for city agency employees working remotely during the COVID-19 emergency. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Agency. The term “agency” has the same meaning as such term is defined in section 1150 of the New York city charter and shall include the offices of the borough presidents, the comptroller and the public advocate.

City. The term “city” means the city of New York.

COVID-19 emergency. The term “COVID-19 emergency” means the local state of emergency declared by the mayor in emergency executive order number 98, issued on March 12, 2020, as extended.

Department. The term “department” means the department of citywide administrative services.

b. The department, in consultation with the department of information technology and telecommunications, shall conduct a study on the feasibility of reimbursing the use of personal devices, including but not limited to mobile devices and computers, by city agency employees in performing work for the city remotely during the COVID-19 emergency. Such study shall, at a minimum, assess potential barriers to such reimbursement, including but not limited to collective bargaining, and assess the estimated costs of providing such reimbursement at varying levels. The department shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of

the council a report of such study detailing its findings and recommendations no later than 90 days after the effective date of this local law.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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